CLEMSON FOOTBALL

NO. 2 CLEMSON (10-1, 8-1 ACC) vs. NO. 3 OHIO STATE (6-0, 5-0 BIG TEN)

FRIDAY, JAN. 1 • 8 P.M. ET • MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME • NEW ORLEANS, LA.

GAME CENTER

TELEVISION: ABC (Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Maria Taylor, Tom Rinaldi)

RADIO: Clemson Tigers Network (Don Munson, Tim Bourret, Reggie Merriweather)

RADIO: ESPN Radio (Sean Kelley, Barrett Jones)

CLEMSON/OHIO STATE SERIES HISTORY:
- OVERALL: Clemson leads series, 4-0
- HOME: N/A
- ROAD: N/A
- NEUTRAL: Clemson leads series, 4-0
- LAST MEETING: Dec. 28, 2019 (29-23, W)
- STREAK: Clemson, Won 4

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NO. 2 CLEMSON FACES NO. 3 OHIO STATE IN ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Clemson will make its sixth consecutive College Football Playoff appearance on Friday, Jan. 1 when the second-seeded Tigers face third-seeded Ohio State in the Allstate Sugar Bowl. Kickoff at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome is scheduled for 8 p.m. ET.

The Tigers enter this year's College Football Playoff ranked tied for the most CFP appearances (six), CFP wins (six), CFP title game berths (four) and CFP national championships (two) since the inception of the current postseason format in 2014.

Clemson's opponent will be a familiar one, as the Sugar Bowl will be Clemson's fourth bowl game against Ohio State since 2013 and its third against Ohio State in the College Football Playoff since 2016. The contest will be Clemson's fifth bowl game against Ohio State all-time, passing Alabama and LSU (four each) as Clemson's most common bowl opponent. Clemson holds a 4-0 record all-time against the Buckeyes.

The opportunity for significant parallels to the 2015-16 postseasons exists for Clemson. After losing a national championship game in Glendale, Ariz. to end 2015, Clemson returned to Arizona for the 2016 Fiesta Bowl and defeated Ohio State, 31-0, before winning the national title in the state of Florida. This year, Clemson faces Ohio State in New Orleans' Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the same venue in which Clemson's 2019 national championship hopes ended with a loss to LSU. With a win, Clemson would advance to play for another national title in the state of Florida, as this year's College Football Playoff National Championship will take place in Miami Gardens, Fla. on Jan. 11.

2020 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	TV	Score/Time (ET)
9/12	at Wake Forest*	ABC	37-13 W
9/19	**vs. THE CITADEL**	**ACCN**	**49-0 W**
10/3	**vs. VIRGINIA***	**ACCN**	**41-23 W**
10/10	**vs. MIAMI (FLA.)***	**ABC**	**42-17 W**
10/17	at Georgia Tech*	ABC	73-7 W
10/24	**vs. SYRACUSE***	**ACCN**	**47-21 W**
10/31	**vs. BOSTON COLLEGE***	**ABC**	**34-28 W**
11/7	at Notre Dame*	NBC	47-40 (2OT) L
11/21	at Florida State*	-	Canceled
11/28	**vs. PITTSBURGH***	**ABC**	**52-17 W**
12/5	at Virginia Tech*	ABC	45-10 W
12/19	vs. Notre Dame^	ABC	34-10 W
1/1	vs. Ohio State $	ESPN	8 p.m. ET

* - ACC contest; ^ ACC Championship Game; $ Allstate Sugar Bowl; Note: Home games in **bold**

Clemson will be seeking an 11th bowl victory under Head Coach Dabo Swinney (10-6), which would tie the ACC head coaching record. Bobby Bowden holds the mark with 11, as an additional 11 of his 22 career bowl victories (including one later vacated) came either at West Virginia or at Florida State prior to the Seminoles' membership in the ACC.

Heisman Trophy finalist Trevor Lawrence (3-1) will make his fifth career College Football Playoff start, tying Jalen Hurts (four at Alabama, one at Oklahoma) for the most of any quarterback in CFP history. He will attempt to set the record for most CFP wins by a quarterback. In four career CFP games, Lawrence has completed 83-of-141 passes for 1,167 yards with eight touchdowns and zero interceptions for a pass efficiency rating of 147.1.

QUICK FACTS - CLEMSON

Nickname	Tigers
Location	Clemson, S.C. 29633
Colors	Tiger Orange & Regalia
Founded	1889
Enrollment (2019-20)	25,822
President	**Dr. James P. Clements** (Maryland-Baltimore County '85)
Director of Athletics	**Dan Radakovich** (Indiana (Pa.) '80)
Conference	Atlantic Coast Conference (Atlantic Division)
Facility (Capacity)	Memorial Stadium (81,500)
Year Opened	1942
Record at Facility	322-102-7 (.748)
All-Time Hill Runs	415
Record Crowd	86,092 (Oct. 23, 1999 vs. Florida State)
Head Coach	**Dabo Swinney** (Alabama '93)
Years as a full-time college coach*	25
Winning seasons (HC & Asst. & GA)*	25
Bowl seasons (HC & Asst. & GA)*	21
Record as an assistant coach	106-58-1 (.645)
Record as a head coach^	140-32 (.814)
Home	79-7 (.919)
Road	43-18 (.705)
Neutral site	18-7 (.720)
Conference opp. (inc. postseason)	92-18 (.836)
Bowls	10-6 (.625)
Record at Clemson (HC & Asst.)	181-57 (.761)
* entering 2020, including GA years; ^ all at Clemson	
First Year of Football	1896
Seasons of Football (inc. 2020)	125
Overall Record	768-461-45
Regular Season Record	735-439-45
Record in ACC Play (since 1953)	313-145-6
ACC regular season play*	306-144-6
ACC Championship Games	7-1
* According to ACC records	
National Championships	3 (1981, 2016, 2018)
Conference Championships	26
SIAA (4)	1900,02,03^,06^
Southern (2)	1940,48
ACC (20)	1956,58,59,65,66,67,78,81,82,86 87,88,91,2011,15,16,17,18,19,20
^ indicates co-championship	
Bowl Appearances (including 2020)	47
Bowl Record	25-21
First appearance	1939 (1940 Cotton Bowl)
College Football Playoff Berths	6
	2015, 2016*, 2017, 2018*, 2019, 2020
	* denotes National Championship
Consensus All-Americans	30*
	*Counts Terry Kinard (1981-82) and Vic Beasley (2013-14) twice for earning multiple selections
AP First-Team All-Americans	26*
	*Counts Terry Kinard (1981-82) and Clelin Ferrell (2017-18) twice for earning multiple selections

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Allstate SUGAR BOWL

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEK

- Clemson and Ohio State meeting in postseason play for the fifth time, moving the Buckeyes past Alabama and LSU (four each) as Clemson's most common bowl opponent.

- Clemson and Ohio State meeting in consecutive years for the first time. Ohio State becomes the third program against which Clemson has played a bowl game in consecutive years, including facing Miami (Fla.) in back-to-back bowl games in 1950-51 and facing Alabama in four straight bowl games across 2015-18.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 5-0 all-time against Ohio State, which enters the contest with the second-most wins all-time in FBS history. Clemson (4-0), Alabama (3-1), Stanford (3-2) and USC (13-10-1) are presently the only schools to have played Ohio State at least four times and have a winning record in the series.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 7-3 all-time in College Football Playoff games. Clemson's six all-time wins in the playoff are presently tied with Alabama for the most in CFP history. No schools other than Clemson and Alabama have more than two.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 27-2 against undefeated opponents since the start of the 2015 season. Clemson is 10-2 in that span against undefeated opponents who enter the contest with at least four wins on the year.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 26-21 all-time in bowl contests. A 26th bowl win would tie Nebraska for 10th-most in FBS history.

- Clemson attempting to earn its first Sugar Bowl win in school history.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 6-1 all-time against Big Ten opponents, with every matchup coming in postseason play. Dabo Swinney would move to 4-0 against the Big Ten, with all four games coming against Ohio State.

- Clemson attempting to win at least 11 of its first 12 games of a season for the eighth time in school history, joining the 1978, 1981, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons. It would be Clemson's sixth consecutive 11-win season, extending its program record.

- Clemson entering bowl season as the only team in the country to defeat multiple AP Top 10 opponents this season (No. 7 Miami (Fla.) and No. 2 Notre Dame). Clemson also holds the largest victory against an AP Top 5 opponent this year (24 points vs. No. 2 Notre Dame), surpassing Alabama's 17-point win against No. 3 Georgia.

- Clemson playing a fourth AP Top 10 opponent in a single season for the third time in school history (four each in 2013 and 2015).

- Clemson playing a fourth matchup of two AP Top 10 teams in a single season for the first time in school history. Clemson played three Top-10 matchups each in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 15-10 all-time in games between AP Top 10 teams. A win would push Clemson to 10-3 in games between AP Top 10 teams since the start of the 2016 season. For more on Clemson's history in games between Top 10 opponents, see the "Top 10 History" section later in the notes.

- Clemson attempting to earn a 14th all-time victory against an AP Top 5 opponent. Ten of Clemson's 13 all-time wins against AP Top 5 teams have come under Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

- Clemson attempting to improve to 10-5 all-time in games between two AP Top 5 teams. Clemson is 7-3 since 2016 when both teams enter a game in the AP Top 5.

- Clemson entering the game with eight wins against AP Top 5 opponents since 2015, the second-most in the country.

- Clemson attempting to defeat an AP Top 3 team for the ninth time in school history.

- Clemson attempting to earn its first win in New Orleans since defeating Tulane, 13-5, in the Superdome in 1981 en route to that season's national championship.

- The 2020 Clemson seniors (51-4 since 2017) attempting to win a 52nd game in four years to take sole possession of the fifth-most wins by a class in FBS history.

- Head Coach Dabo Swinney attempting to improve to 11-7 in bowl games for his career. He would tie Bobby Bowden's ACC record for career bowl victories, as only 11 of Bowden's 22 career bowl wins came as a member of the ACC.

- Clemson entering bowl season as the only team in the nation ranked in the top 11 in the nation in both total offense (11th, 507.6 yards per game) and total defense (sixth, 298.5).

- Clemson entering bowl season as one of only four teams in the country with at least 30 rushing touchdowns (31) and at least 25 passing touchdowns (29) this season, alongside Alabama, BYU and North Carolina.

- Clemson, which has scored at least 34 points in each of its first 11 games, attempting to join 2013 Florida State as the only ACC teams ever to score 34 or more points in each of the first 12 games of a season.

- Clemson attempting to open a season with 400 yards of offense in each of the first 12 games of a season for the second time in school history (2018).

- Clemson attemping to post back-to-back 500-yard games for the second time this season, joining 550-yard and 671-yard games against Miami (Fla.) and Georgia Tech, respectively. Clemson posted 541 yards against Notre Dame in the ACC Championship Game.

- Clemson entering bowl season averaging 343.8 passing yards per game, the top average in the ACC and the seventh-best in the nation. The average is 10 yards ahead of the school-record mark of 333.9 passing yards per game, set by Clemson's 2016 national title team quarterbacked by Deshaun Watson.

- Clemson attempting to rush for 200 yards in three consecutive games for the first time since a five-game streak in October and November of 2019.

- Clemson attempting to record multiple rushing touchdowns in a 28th consecutive game. The last time Clemson was held to a single rushing touchdown was in a 27-point win in the 2018 Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame.

- Clemson entering the game having recorded multiple sacks in 33 of its last 34 games, including each of its last 17.

- Clemson attempting to record at least two sacks in an 18th straight game to tie an 18-game streak from 1991-92 as Clemson's longest streak on record back to 1980.

- Clemson, which has three fumble returns for touchdowns already this season, attempting to record a fourth scoop-and-score in a season for the first time in school records back to 1951. Clemson's three fumble return touchdowns in 2020 already exceed the totals by the 1996, 1998, 2006 and 2013 squads (two each).

- Clemson (three) attempting to record a fourth defensive touchdown for the first time since 2017. Clemson's most on record since 1951 is five, set in 1990.

- Tight end Davis Allen (four) attempting to become the fourth Clemson tight end under Dabo Swinney to catch at least five touchdowns in a season, joining Dwayne Allen (eight in 2011), Brandon Ford (eight in 2012) and Jordan Leggett (eight in 2015 and seven in 2016).

- Running back Travis Etienne (at least one rushing or receiving touchdown in 45 of his 54 career games) attempting to score a touchdown of any kind to add to his FBS record for most career games scoring a touchdown.

- Etienne attempting to score multiple touchdowns of any kind in a 24th career game. The FBS record for most career games scoring two or more touchdowns is 25, shared by Miami (Ohio)'s Travis Prentice (1996-99) and Wisconsin's Montee Ball (2009-12).

- Etienne (4,920), the ACC's all-time rushing yardage leader, needing 80 more rushing yards this season to become the first 5,000-yard rusher in ACC history. He would be the 23rd player to accomplish the feat according to official NCAA FBS records.

- Etienne (4,920 rushing yards and 1,091 receiving yards) needing 80 more rushing yards to join Donnel Pumphrey as the only players in FBS history to record 5,000 career rushing yards and 1,000 career receiving yards.

- Etienne entering bowl season as the only player in

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

HC **Dabo Swinney**	DAB-oh SWEE-nee
AHC/STC/TE Coach Danny **Pearman**	PEER-man
DE Coach **Lemanski** Hall	LUH-man-skee

PLAYERS

LB **LaVonta** Bentley	luh-VAHN-tay
OL Kaleb **Boateng**	BOH-tihng
DL Bryan **Bresee**	bruh-ZEE
DL **DeMonte** Capehart	duh-MON-tay
LB David **Cote** & S Peter **Cote**	COHT-ee
RB **Michel** Dukes	Michael
TE Sage **Ennis**	ENN-iss
RB Travis **Etienne**	EE-tee-ehn
CB **Derion** Kendrick	DAYR-ee-ahn
DL Justin **Mascoll**	MASS-kohl
LB Matt **McMahan**	MACK-muh-han
WR Joseph **Ngata**	ehn-GAHT-uh
DL **Ruke Orhorhoro**	rhymes with "juke"; oh-ROH-roh-roh
QB **Taisun Phommachanh**	TY-suhn; POO-muh-chahn
DL **Etinosa** Reuben	eh-tee-OH-sah
LB James **Skalski**	SKAL-skee
LB **Baylon** Spector	BAY-lehn
P Will **Spiers**	SPY-urs
OL Paul **Tchio**	TEE-oh
OL **Bryn** Tucker	BRINE
DL **Xavier** Thomas	ehx-ZAYV-yuhr
QB D.J. **Uiagalelei**	ooh-ee-AHN-guh-luh-lay
K Jonathan **Weitz**	Whites

COACH LOCATIONS

FIELD LEVEL

Coach	Title(s)
Dabo Swinney	Head Coach
Brent Venables	Associate Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
Todd Bates	Recruiting Coordinator, Defensive Tackles
Robbie Caldwell	Offensive Line
Tyler Grisham	Wide Receivers
Lemanski Hall	Defensive Ends
Mike Reed	Cornerbacks
Brandon Streeter	Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks

COACHES BOOTH

Coach	Title(s)
Danny Pearman	Assistant Head Coach, Special Teams Coordinator, Tight Ends
Tony Elliott	Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs
Mickey Conn	Safeties

the FBS with 850 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards this season. Etienne's 524 receiving yards this year lead all FBS running backs and helped him be named as a Paul Hornung Award finalist as one of the nation's most versatile players.

- Etienne (882) needing 118 rushing yards to become the first Clemson player ever to rush for 1,000 yards in three different seasons. He is presently one of six Clemson players ever to reach 1,000 rushing yards in multiple seasons, a list that also includes Raymond Priester (1995-96), Woodrow Dantzler (2000-01), James Davis (2006-07), Andre Ellington (2011-12) and Wayne Gallman (2015-16).

- Etienne (69) needing a rushing touchdown to join Keenan Reynolds (88), Montee Ball (77), Travis Prentice (73), Ricky Williams (72) and Kenneth Dixon (72) as the only FBS players ever to rush for 70 career touchdowns.

- Etienne (77) needing a touchdown of any kind to tie or two touchdowns to pass Miami (Ohio)'s Travis Prentice (78) for the fourth-most career total touchdowns of any FBS player since 1956.

- Etienne (13 rushing touchdowns in 2020) needing two more rushing touchdowns to produce the seventh season with 15 or more rushing touchdowns in school history. Etienne (24 in 2018, 19 in 2019) is already responsible for two of the six previous instances.

- Etienne (462) needing five points to break Florida State kicker Dustin Hopkins' ACC record for career points (466 from 2009-12).

- Etienne (462) needing six points to tie Travis Prentice (468 from 1996-99) for the seventh-most career points in FBS history.

- Etienne (524) entering the game holding Clemson's single-season record for receiving yards by a running back. He has 44 receptions on the year and is one catch shy of tying and two catches shy of breaking the Clemson single-season running back receptions record held by Travis Zachery (45 in 2001).

- Etienne (two) needing another 100-yard receiving game to become the first running back in school history with three 100-yard receiving games in a single season. Another 100-yard receiving game would also be his third of his career, which would tie C.J. Spiller's career record by a running back in Clemson history.

- Etienne attempting to record 100 rushing yards in back-to-back games for the first time this season.

- Etienne (20) attempting to record his 21st career 100-yard rushing game to tie Warrick Dunn (1993-96) and Dalvin Cook (2014-16) for fifth-most in ACC history.

- Etienne making his 42nd career start to pull within one of the school record by a running back, held by James Davis (43 from 2005-08).

- Quarterback Trevor Lawrence (34-1 as a starter) entering bowl season as the winningest starting quarterback in Clemson history and with the best record by an FBS starting quarterback (min. 30 starts) since Division I split in 1978.

- Lawrence (9,698) needing 302 passing yards to become the third Clemson player ever to throw for 10,000 career passing yards. Tajh Boyd (11,904) and Deshaun Watson (10,163) presently rank No. 1 and No. 2 in career passing yards in school history.

- Lawrence (2,753) needing 247 passing yards to post only the ninth 3,000-yard passing season in Clemson history. He would join Tajh Boyd as the only players in Clemson history to accomplish the feat three times.

- Lawrence attempting to post his third career 400-yard passing game to tie Tajh Boyd for the second-most in school history.

- Lawrence (12) attempting to post his 13th career 300-yard passing game to tie Deshaun Watson for second-most in school history.

- Lawrence attempting to throw for 300 yards in consecutive games for the first time since College Football Playoff games against Notre Dame and Alabama to conclude the 2018 season.

- Lawrence (88) needing three passing touchdowns to pass Deshaun Watson (90) in career passing touchdowns. Watson currently sits second in Clemson history and third in ACC history.

- Lawrence attempting to record his 19th career game with three or more passing touchdowns. He presently stands at 18 such games, four shy of Tajh Boyd's school record of 22. Clemson is 18-0 when Lawrence throws three touchdown passes.

- Defensive end Myles Murphy entering the game with three forced fumbles on the season, the most by a freshman (true or redshirt) in a season under Dabo Swinney. His three forced fumbles are the most by a Clemson freshman since redshirt freshman Ed McDaniel in 1988 (three).

- Murphy needing two more forced fumbles to tie the single-season Clemson record by a player of any class, set by Brandon Maye in 2009 (five).

- Placekicker B.T. Potter (239 career points) needing 11 more points to become the 12th player in school history to reach 250 career points. He would be the eighth Clemson player to reach 250 kicking points.

- Potter (18-for-23 on field goals) needing two more field goals to record the 11th season in Clemson history with 20 or more made field goals.

- Potter (32 career field goals) needing two more field goals to enter the Top 10 in Clemson history in career field goals.

- Potter (143 career PATs) needing seven more PATs to join Greg Huegel (217 from 2015-18), Chandler Catanzaro (203 from 2010-13) and Aaron Hunt (164 from 2000-03) as the only players in school history to convert 150 career PATs.

- Potter (111 points in 2020) needing seven more points to enter the Top 5 in kicking points in a single season in school history.

- Potter entering the game with five career field goals of 50 yards or more. He is presently tied for the school record for career 50-yard field goals with Chris Gardocki (1988-90) and Donald Igwebuike (1981-84).

- Wide receiver Amari Rodgers entering the game with career highs in receptions (69), receiving yards (966) and receiving touchdowns (seven).

- Rodgers (69) needing three receptions to enter the Top 10 in receptions in a single season in Clemson history. He is presently chasing DeAndre Hopkins (No. 10, 72 in 2011) and Artavis Scott (Nos. 8 and 9, 76 in

CLEMSON BOWL HISTORY (25-21)

Year	Bowl	Site	Opponent (Rank)	W-L	Score
1939	Cotton	Dallas, Texas	Boston College (11,NR)	W	6-3
1948	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Missouri	W	24-23
1950	Orange	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.) (15,16)	W	15-14
1951	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)	L	0-14
1956	Orange	Miami, Fla.	Colorado (20,18)	L	21-27
1958	Sugar	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana State (1,1)	L	0-7
1959	Bluebonnet	Houston, Texas	TCU (7,8)	W	23-7
1977	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Pittsburgh (10,9)	L	3-34
1978	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Ohio State (20,NR)	W	17-15
1979	Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	Baylor (19,19)	L	18-24
1981	Orange	Miami, Fla.	Nebraska (4,4)	W	22-15
1985	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Minnesota	L	13-20
1986	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Stanford (20,17)	W	27-21
1987	Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	Penn State (20,19)	W	35-10
1988	Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	Oklahoma (10,11)	W	13-6
1989	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	West Virginia (17,17)	W	27-7
1990	Hall of Fame	Tampa, Fla.	Illinois (16,17)	W	30-0
1991	Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	California (14,14)	L	13-37
1993	Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	Kentucky	W	14-13
1995	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Syracuse	L	0-41
1996	Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	LSU (17,16)	L	7-10
1997	Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	Auburn (13,13)	L	17-21
1999	Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	Mississippi State (15,16)	L	7-17
2000	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Virginia Tech (6,5)	L	20-41
2001	Humanitarian	Boise, Idaho	Louisiana Tech	W	49-24
2002	Tangerine	Orlando, Fla.	Texas Tech	L	15-55
2003	Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	Tennessee (6,7)	W	27-14
2005	Champs Sports	Orlando, Fla.	Colorado	W	19-10
2006	Music City	Nashville, Tenn.	Kentucky	L	20-28
2007	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta, Ga.	Auburn (22,21)	L	20-23
2008	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Nebraska	L	21-26
2009	Music City	Nashville, Tenn.	Kentucky	W	21-13
2010	Meineke Car Care	Charlotte, N.C.	South Florida	L	26-31
2011	Orange	Miami Gardens, Fla.	West Virginia (23,22)	L	33-70
2012	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta, Ga.	LSU (9,7)	W	25-24
2013	Orange	Miami Gardens, Fla.	Ohio State (7,6)	W	40-35
2014	Russell Athletic	Orlando, Fla.	Oklahoma (NR,24)	W	40-6
2015	Orange	Miami Gardens, Fla.	Oklahoma (4,3)	W	37-17
	CFP National Championship	Glendale, Ariz.	Alabama (2,2)	L	40-45
2016	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	Ohio State (2,2)	W	31-0
	CFP National Championship	Tampa, Fla.	Alabama (1,1)	W	35-31
2017	Sugar	New Orleans, La.	Alabama (4,4)	L	6-24
2018	Cotton	Arlington, Texas	Notre Dame (3,3)	W	30-3
	CFP National Championship	Santa Clara, Calif.	Alabama (1,1)	W	44-16
2019	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	Ohio State (2,2)	W	29-23
	CFP National Championship	New Orleans, La.	LSU (1,1)	L	25-42

Note: Years are regular season, not necessarily the calendar year the game was played; rankings by AP,USA.
Please see the 2020 Clemson Football Media Supplement for team and individual bowl records as well as bowl recaps.

both 2014 and 2016).

- Rodgers (966) needing 34 receiving yards to record the 12th 1,000-yard season in Clemson history.

- Rodgers (966) needing 61 receiving yards to enter the Top 10 in receiving yards in a single season in Clemson history.

- Rodgers (seven) needing two more receiving touchdowns to enter the Top 10 in single-season touchdown receptions in Clemson history.

- Rodgers (173) chasing No. 6 Mike Williams (177) and No. 5 Hunter Renfrow (186) on Clemson's all-time leaderboard for career receptions.

- Rodgers (2,090) entering the game 12th in Clemson history in career receiving yards. He needs 222 more receiving yards to enter the Top 10 in that category.

- Rodgers attempting to record back-to-back 100-yard receiving games for the first time in his career.

- Rodgers (529) chasing No. 8 Billy Davis (555 from 1980-83) and Nos. 6 Willie Jordan (569 from 1975-78) and C.J. Spiller (569 from 2006-09) on Clemson's leaderboard for career punt return yards.

- Punter Will Spiers entering the game with a 43.5-yard punting average, presently fifth-best in school history and one yard off of Chris Gardocki's school record (44.5 in 1990).

- Spiers playing his 56th career game to tie for ninth-most in school history. It will also be his 56th career start, one shy of Mitch Hyatt's school record (57 from 2015-18).

- Three true freshmen — defensive end Myles Murphy (4.0), linebacker Trenton Simpson (4.0) and defensive lineman Bryan Bresee (3.0) and — all seeking to pass William Perry (4.0 in 1981), Ricky Sapp (4.0 in 2006) and Shaq Lawson (4.0 in 2013) for third-most sacks by a Clemson true freshman all-time.

TOP 10 HISTORY

- Saturday's contest will represent the 25th matchup of AP Top 10 teams in Clemson history. Clemson is 14-10 all-time in games when both teams enter ranked in the Top 10 of the AP Poll, including a 2-1 mark in those contests this season.

- Nineteen of Clemson's 24 previous all-time Top 10 matchups have come under Head Coach Dabo Swinney, with Swinney posting an 12-7 record in those contests. Danny Ford went 2-1 in three career Top 10 games, including the Orange Bowl to conclude Clemson's 1981 national championship season. Frank Howard and Tommy Bowden each lost their lone matchup of Top 10 teams in their Clemson tenures.

- Clemson has won 11 of its last 15 games between Top 10 teams in the College Football Playoff era.

- Thirteen of the 24 games have been contested at neutral sites. All 13 of the neutral-site Top 10 games were postseason contests, including three ACC Championship Games and 10 bowl games.

- The game will also be Clemson's 14th between two Top 5 teams all-time. The Tigers are 8-5 in games contested between two AP Top 5 squads, the first of which was No. 1 Clemson's 1981 national championship victory over No. 4 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

- This will be the third time Clemson and Ohio State have faced one another with both teams in the Top 10. All three of those Top 10 matchups have been battles of the nation's No. 2 and 3 ranked (and CFP-seeded) teams.

- Ohio State becomes the third program to play at least three AP Top 5 matchups with Clemson, joining Alabama (four) and Notre Dame (three).

MATCHUPS OF TWO AP TOP 10 TEAMS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Date	CU*	Opp.*	Opponent	Location	CU-Opp
10/3/59	6	7	Georgia Tech	A	6-16 L
11/7/81	2	8	North Carolina	A	10-8 W
1/1/82	1	4	Nebraska	N	22-15 W
9/17/88	3	10	Florida State	H	21-24 L
11/4/00	10	4	Florida State	A	7-54 L
9/22/12	10	4	Florida State	A	37-49 L
8/31/13	8	5	Georgia	H	38-35 W
10/19/13	3	5	Florida State	H	14-51 L
11/30/13	6	10	South Carolina	A	17-31 L
12/5/15	1	8	North Carolina	N	45-37 W
12/31/15	1	4	Oklahoma	N	37-17 W
1/11/16	1	2	Alabama	N	40-45 L
10/1/16	5	3	Louisville	H	42-36 W
12/31/16	3	2	Ohio State	N	31-0 W
1/9/17	3	1	Alabama	N	35-31 W
12/2/17	1	7	Miami (Fla.)	N	38-3 W
1/1/18	1	4	Alabama	N	6-24 L
12/29/18	2	3	Notre Dame	N	30-3 W
1/7/19	2	1	Alabama	N	44-16 W
12/28/19	3	2	Ohio State	N	29-23 W
1/13/20	3	1	LSU	N	25-42 L
10/10/20	1	7	Miami (Fla.)	H	42-17 W
11/7/20	1	4	Notre Dame	A	40-47 L
12/19/20	3	2	Notre Dame	N	34-10 W

* AP Rank

Clemson's four games against AP Top 10 opponents this year will tie the school record for the most in a single season regardless of Clemson's rank. The 2020 season will be Clemson's first facing three AP Top 5 opponents.

MOST AP TOP 10 OPPONENTS IN A SEASON (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Season	No.	Opponents*
1.	**2020**	**4**	**No. 7 Miami (Fla.), W** **No. 4 Notre Dame, L** **No. 2 Notre Dame, W** **No. 3 Ohio State, TBD**
	2015	4	No. 6 Notre Dame, W No. 8 North Carolina, W No. 4 Oklahoma, W No. 2 Alabama, L
	2013	4	No. 5 Georgia, W No. 5 Florida State, L No. 10 South Carolina, L No. 7 Ohio State, W
4.	Four years tied	3	Years: 1966, 1977, 1981, 2016

* AP Poll Rank

SWINNEY IN NFL STADIUMS

Saturday's game at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, home of the New Orleans Saints, will be Clemson's 16th game in an NFL stadium since 2015. Clemson has won 15 of its last 18 games in NFL stadiums but will be seeking its first win at the Superdome since its 1981 nationalchampionship season. Clemson has an 18-7 record in NFL stadiums under Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

SWINNEY IN NFL STADIUMS (18-7)

Year	Opponent	Site	City	Result
2008	Nebraska	Everbank Field	Jacksonville, Fla.	L, 21-26
2009	Miami (Fla.)	Sun Life Stadium	Miami, Fla.	W, 40-37
2009	Georgia Tech	Raymond James Stadium	Tampa, Fla.	L, 34-39
2009	Kentucky	Nissan Stadium	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 21-13
2010	USF	Bank of America Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.	L, 26-31
2011	Virginia Tech	Bank of America Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 38-10
2011	West Virginia	Sun Life Stadium	Miami Fla.	L, 33-70
2012	Auburn	Georgia Dome	Atlanta, Ga.	W, 26-19
2012	LSU	Georgia Dome	Atlanta, Ga.	W, 25-24
2013	Ohio State	Sun Life Stadium	Miami, Fla.	W, 40-35
2015	Miami	Sun Life Stadium	Miami, Fla.	W, 58-0
2015	North Carolina	Bank of America Stsdium	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 45-37
2015	Oklahoma	Sun Life Stadium	Miami, Fla	W, 37-17
2015	Alabama	U. of Phoenix Stadium	Glendale, Ariz.	L, 40-45
2016	Ohio State	U. of Phoenix Stadium	Glendale, Ariz.	W, 31-0

RANKINGS REPORT

ASSOCIATED PRESS (DEC. 20)

Rk.	School (First-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.
1.	Alabama (62)	11-0	1550
2.	**Clemson**	**10-1**	**1482**
3.	Ohio State	6-0	1424
4.	Notre Dame	10-1	1338
5.	Texas A&M	8-1	1297
6.	Cincinnati	9-0	1262
7.	Indiana	6-1	1123
8.	Oklahoma	8-2	1088
9.	Coastal Carolina	11-0	1024
10.	Florida	8-3	1001
11.	Georgia	7-2	959
12.	Iowa State	8-3	845
13.	BYU	10-1	779
14.	North Carolina	8-3	685
15.	Northwestern	6-2	666
16.	Louisiana	9-1	642
17.	Iowa	6-2	556
18.	Miami	8-2	475
19.	San José State	7-0	372
20.	Texas	6-3	291
21.	USC	5-1	276
22.	Tulsa	6-2	274
23.	Liberty	9-1	207
24.	NC State	8-3	181
25.	Oregon	4-2	126

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma State 115, Army 36, Buffalo 15, UCF 14, Marshall 13, Ball State 11, Washington 7, UAB 5, North Dakota State 4, TCU 4, Memphis 2, Colorado 1

AMWAY USA TODAY COACHES (DEC. 20)

Rk.	School (First-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.
1.	Alabama (61)	11-0	1525
2.	**Clemson**	**10-1**	**1456**
3.	Ohio State	6-0	1379
4.	Notre Dame	10-1	1317
5.	Texas A&M	8-1	1297
6.	Cincinnati	9-0	1204
7.	Oklahoma	8-2	1104
8.	Indiana	6-1	1056
9.	Georgia	7-2	1021
10.	Florida	8-3	981
11.	Coastal Carolina	11-0	911
12.	Iowa State	8-3	838
13.	Northwestern	6-2	724
14.	North Carolina	8-3	699
15.	BYU	10-1	657
16.	Iowa	6-2	583
17.	Louisiana	9-1	556
18.	Miami	8-2	471
19.	USC	5-1	388
20.	San José State	7-0	360
21.	Oklahoma State	7-3	211
22.	NC State	8-3	207
23.	Liberty	9-1	206
24.	Texas	6-3	198
25.	Tulsa	6-2	191

Others receiving votes: Oregon 115, Army 61, Auburn 27, Colorado 16, Ball State 13, Washington 11, Wisconsin 10, SMU 10, Buffalo 9, UAB 5, Boise State 4, Utah 2, Nevada 2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS (DEC. 20 - FINAL)

1. Alabama, **2. Clemson**, 3. Ohio State, 4. Notre Dame, 5. Texas A&M, 6. Oklahoma, 7. Florida, 8. Cincinnati, 9. Georgia, 10. Iowa State, 11. Indiana, 12. Coastal Carolina, 13. North Carolina, 14. Northwestern, 15. Iowa, 16. BYU, 17. USC, 18. Miami, 19. Louisiana, 20. Texas, 21. Oklahoma State, 22. San José State, 23. NC State, 24. Tulsa, 25. Oregon

2016	Alabama	Raymond James Stadium	Tampa, Fla.	W, 35-31
2017	Miami (Fla.)	Bank of America Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 38-3
2017	Alabama	Mercedes-Benz Superdome	New Orleans, La.	L, 6-24
2018	Pittsburgh	Bank of America Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 42-10
2018	Notre Dame	AT&T Stadium	Arlington, Texas	W, 30-3
2018	Alabama	Levi's Stadium	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 44-16
2019	Virginia	Bank of America Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 61-27
2019	Ohio State	State Farm Stadium	Glendale, Ariz.	W, 29-23
2019	LSU	Mercedes-Benz Superdome	New Orleans, La.	L, 25-42
2020	Notre Dame	Bank of America Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 34-10

CLEMSON IN LOUISIANA

Clemson will attempt to buck historical trends in the bayou when it faces Ohio State, as Clemson will enter the contest with a 3-9 record in the state of Louisiana and a 3-8 record in the city of New Orleans dating to a 1937 regular season loss to Tulane. The Tigers went to New Orleans to face Tulane four consecutive years from 1937-40. The 1938 and 1939 games were battles between teams that finished the year in the AP Top 20. In 1939, Tulane finished fifth and Clemson was 12th, as Tulane handed Clemson its only loss, a 7-6 final score in the second game of the year.

Clemson faced Tulane in New Orleans eight times. Clemson won its last meeting with Tulane in 1981 in the Superdome, a 13-5 victory, en route to the national championship.

Clemson is 0-4 in the postseason in the state of Louisiana, including 0-3 in New Orleans. Clemson lost season finales in Louisiana to close the 1958 (Sugar Bowl vs. LSU), 1985 (Independence Bowl vs. Minnesota), 2017 (Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama) and 2019 (CFP National Championship vs. LSU) seasons.

CLEMSON IN LOUISIANA (3-9)

Season	Opponent	Game Type	CU-Opp	W/L
1937	Tulane	Regular Season	0-7	L
1938	Tulane	Regular Season	13-10	W
1939	Tulane	Regular Season	6-7	L
1940	Tulane	Regular Season	0-13	L
1944	Tulane	Regular Season	20-36	L
1945	Tulane	Regular Season	47-20	W
1946	Tulane	Regular Season	13-54	L
1958	LSU	Sugar Bowl	0-7	L
1981	Tulane	Regular Season	13-5	W
1985	Minnesota	Independence Bowl	13-20	L
2017	Alabama	Sugar Bowl	6-24	L
2019	LSU	CFP National Championship	25-42	L

BOWL STREAKS

With a berth in the Sugar Bowl this season, Clemson extended its school-record bowl streak to 16 years in 2020. Clemson's 16-year bowl streak is the longest in the ACC and the sixth-longest in the country.

LONGEST ACTIVE BOWL STREAKS

Rk	School	Streak Start	2020 Bowl	Streak
1.	Georgia	1997	Peach	24
2.	Oklahoma	1999	Cotton	22
3.	Boise State	2002	Idaho Potato	19*
	Wisconsin	2002	Duke's Mayo	19
5.	Alabama	2004	CFP Semifinal	17
6.	**Clemson**	**2005**	**Sugar (CFP Semifinal)**	**16**
7.	Oklahoma State	2006	Cheez-It	15
8.	Texas A&M	2009	Orange	12

* Includes bowl selection canceled by inclement weather in 2018

Clemson's 16-year streak dates back to a 19-10 Champs Sports Bowl win against Colorado to close the 2005 season. At 16 years, the streak more than doubles Clemson's previous longest streak, which covered seven seasons from 1985-91.

LONGEST CLEMSON BOWL STREAKS

First Season	Last Season	Years
2005 (Champs Sports Bowl)	**[Active]**	**16**
1985 (Independence Bowl)	1991 (Citrus Bowl)	7
1999 (Peach Bowl)	2003 (Peach Bowl)	5

Though Clemson did not make a bowl appearance in 2004, Clemson has been bowl eligible in 22 consecutive seasons, dating back to a 1999 appearance in the Peach Bowl.

BOWL SUCCESS UNDER SWINNEY

Clemson has posted a 10-6 bowl record under Head Coach Dabo Swinney, including a 9-3 mark in its last 12 bowl games dating back to the 2012 season.

Clemson's nine bowl wins since 2012 have not come against run-of-the-mill opponents. Eight of Swinney's nine bowl victories in that span have come against head coaches with national championship victories to their credit at various levels of NCAA play, including two wins each against Nick Saban, Urban Meyer and Bob Stoops, as well as single victories against Les Miles and Brian Kelly. Four of those coaches have won FBS titles, while Kelly was a two-time champion at the Division II level.

The Sugar Bowl will be Clemson's 10th College Football Playoff game since the Playoff's inception in 2014.

SWINNEY'S BOWL WINS (2012-19)

Season	Opponent	Score	Head Coach
2012	LSU	25-24	Les Miles
2013	Ohio State	40-35	Urban Meyer
2014	Oklahoma	40-6	Bob Stoops
2015	Oklahoma	37-17	Bob Stoops
2016	Ohio State	31-0	Urban Meyer
	Alabama	35-31	Nick Saban
2018	Notre Dame	30-3	Brian Kelly
	Alabama	44-16	Nick Saban
2019	Ohio State	29-23	Ryan Day

NIGHT MOVES

Clemson's 8 p.m. ET kickoff against Ohio State will represent Clemson's sixth night game of the 2020 season and its 42nd since the start of the 2015 season. In that time, Clemson is 36-5 in night games, including a 17-2 mark since the start of the 2018 season.

CLEMSON NIGHT GAMES SINCE 2015 (36-5)

Date	Opponent	Site	W-L	CU-Opp
9/17/15	Louisville	A	W	20-17
10/3/15	Notre Dame	H	W	24-22
10/17/15	Boston College	H	W	34-17
12/5/15	North Carolina	N	W	45-37
1/11/16	Alabama	N	L	40-45
9/3/16	Auburn	A	W	19-13
9/22/16	Georgia Tech	A	W	26-7
10/1/16	Louisville	H	W	42-36
10/7/16	Boston College	A	W	56-10
10/29/16	Florida State	A	W	37-34
11/19/16	Wake Forest	A	W	35-13
11/26/16	South Carolina	H	W	56-7
12/3/16	Virginia Tech	N	W	42-35
12/31/16	Ohio State	N	W	31-0
1/9/17	Alabama	N	W	35-31
9/9/17	Auburn	H	W	14-6
9/16/17	Louisville	A	W	47-21
9/30/17	Virginia Tech	A	W	31-17
10/13/17	Syracuse	A	L	24-27
10/28/17	Georgia Tech	H	W	24-10
11/25/17	South Carolina	A	W	34-10
12/2/17	Miami (FL)	N	W	38-3
1/1/18	Alabama	N	L	6-24
9/8/18	Texas A&M	A	W	28-26
11/10/18	Boston College	A	W	27-7
11/17/18	Duke	H	W	35-6
11/24/18	South Carolina	H	W	56-35
12/1/18	Pittsburgh	N	W	42-10
1/7/19	Alabama	N	W	44-16
8/29/19	Georgia Tech	H	W	52-14
9/14/19	Syracuse	A	W	41-6
9/21/19	Charlotte	H	W	52-10
10/26/19	Boston College	H	W	59-7
11/9/19	NC State	A	W	55-10
12/7/19	Virginia	N	W	62-17
12/28/19	Ohio State	N	W	29-23
1/13/20	LSU	N	L	25-42
9/12/19	Wake Forest	A	W	37-13
10/3/20	Virginia	H	W	41-23
10/10/20	Miami (FL)	H	W	42-17
11/7/20	Notre Dame	A	L	40-47
12/5/20	Virginia Tech	A	W	45-10

COMIN' TO YOUR CITY?

ESPN broadcasts a special edition of College GameDay on New Year's Day, a broadcast likely to emanate from one of the two College Football Playoff semifinal locations.

If the Sugar Bowl is selected as the host location, the game would mark Clemson's 28th appearance in ESPN College GameDay's featured game and its fifth of the season. The Tigers enter the contest with an 18-9 record in the presence of College GameDay, including victories in 14 of their last 16 appearances. Prior to Clemson's loss in the College Football Playoff National Championship, Clemson had won 11 straight games when featured on College GameDay, which had been the nation's longest streak.

The broadcast would represent the 20th time since the start of the 2015 season that Clemson has played at the site of College GameDay, the most appearances for any team. All 27 of Clemson's previous College GameDay contests are included below.

CLEMSON IN FEATURED GAMES FOR ESPN'S COLLEGE GAMEDAY (18-9)

Date	Opponent	Site	W-L	CU-Opp
10/21/06	Georgia Tech	H	W	31-7
8/30/08	Alabama	N	L	10-34
9/18/10	Auburn	A	L	24-27
1/4/12	West Virginia	N	L	33-70
9/22/12	Florida State	A	L	37-49
8/31/13	Georgia	H	W	38-35
10/19/13	Florida State	H	L	14-51
9/20/14	Florida State	A	L	17-23
10/3/15	Notre Dame	H	W	24-22
12/31/15	Oklahoma	N	W	37-17
1/11/16	Alabama	N	L	40-45
10/1/16	Louisville	H	W	42-36
12/31/16	Ohio State	N	W	31-0
1/9/17	Alabama	N	W	35-31
9/16/17	Louisville	A	W	47-21
9/30/17	Virginia Tech	A	W	31-17
12/2/17	Miami (Fla.)	N	W	38-3
9/8/18	Texas A&M	A	W	28-26
11/10/18	Boston College	A	W	27-7
1/7/19	Alabama	N	W	44-16
8/29/19	Georgia Tech	H	W	52-14
12/28/19	Ohio State	N	W	29-23
1/13/19	LSU	N	L	25-42
9/12/20	Wake Forest	A	W	37-13
10/10/20	Miami (Fla.)	H	W	42-17
11/7/20	Notre Dame	A	L	40-47
12/19/20	Notre Dame	N	W	34-10

-- ON THE OPPONENT --

SERIES HISTORY VS. OHIO STATE

This year's Sugar Bowl between Clemson and Ohio State will be the fifth meeting between the two programs, with all five games coming in postseason play. Clemson's fifth bowl matchup with Ohio State made the Buckeyes Clemson's most common bowl opponent, surpassing Alabama and LSU (four each).

Though Ohio State enters the Fiesta Bowl with 930 all-time victories, second-most in FBS history, the Buckeyes remain winless in four all-time meetings with Clemson, including Tiger victories in the 1978 Gator Bowl, 2014 Orange Bowl, 2016 Fiesta Bowl and 2019 Fiesta Bowl.

Every meeting between the two programs has come with both squads ranked the top 20 in the AP Poll. This

will mark the third straight time that the teams will meet with both squads in the top three.

OHIO STATE (4-0)

Year	CU	OSU	Rank	Site	W-L	CU	OSU
1978	10-1	7-3-1	7/20	N1	W	17	15
2013	10-2	12-1	12/7	N2	W	40	35
2016	12-1	11-1	3/2	N3	W	31	0
2019	13-0	13-0	3/2	N3	W	29	23
Totals						**117**	**73**

N1 - Jacksonville, Fla.; N2 - Miami Gardens, Fla.; N3 - Glendale, Ariz.

Clemson is one of just four schools to have a winning record against Ohio State with a minimum of four games played and is the only school in that group without a loss to the Buckeyes. Teams in that category with an all-time advantage over Ohio State include Clemson (4-0), Alabama (3-1), Stanford (3-2) and USC (13-10-1).

1978 GATOR BOWL VS. OHIO STATE

Danny Ford made his Clemson debut as head coach in grand style with a 17-15 victory over Ohio State and coaching legend Woody Hayes to close the 1978 season. The victory gave the Tigers an 11-1 final record, tying the school record (at the time) for victories in a season. With the win, Clemson finished sixth in the AP Poll and tied for sixth in the Coaches Poll.

Ford had been named head coach of the Tigers on Dec. 10 after Charley Pell resigned as head coach to take the same position with the Florida program. Ford was just 30 years old at the time, the youngest head coach in the nation.

While Clemson had a young coach on the sideline, it had an old quarterback by college standards on the field. Steve Fuller, a third-team All-American and first-team Academic All-American, was in his fourth year as a starter and ran the offense efficiently. He ran a Tiger offense that had just one turnover in 80 plays.

Fuller engineered a 15-play, 80-yard drive and finished it off with a four-yard run to give Clemson a 7-3 lead in the second quarter. Ohio State freshman Art Schlichter guided the Buckeyes to a touchdown drive with just 1:21 left in the first half, but the extra point was blocked, making the score 9-7.

The Tigers drove downfield behind Fuller's arm to the Ohio State 30 and Obed Ariri kicked a 47-yard field goal to put Clemson up 10-9 at halftime.

Clemson scored the only points of the third quarter on a one-yard run by freshman Cliff Austin. It completed an 83-yard drive that took 18 plays.

With 8:11 left and Clemson holding a 17-9 lead, Schlichter scored his second touchdown of the game to bring Ohio State to within two points. Ohio State went for two, but Jim Stuckey tackled Schlichter on a quarterback sweep to prevent the score.

Ohio State got the ball back after a failed Tiger drive. Faced with a third-and-five at the Clemson 24, second-team middle guard Charlie Bauman intercepted Schlichter when he dropped into coverage. It was the only interception of Bauman's four-year career and the only turnover of the night for the Buckeye offense.

On the return, Bauman was run out-of-bounds in front of the Ohio State bench. There was a scuffle that involved Hayes, and consecutive unsportsmanlike conduct penalties were called on Ohio State, giving Clemson excellent field position. Clemson ran out the clock, giving the Tigers their first win over a Big Ten school.

Bubba Brown was the star of the Clemson defense with 22 tackles. Randy Scott added 16 tackles and Jim Stuckey had 11 to key the Clemson defense.

1978 GATOR BOWL

Clemson	**0**	**10**	**7**	**0**	**17**
Ohio State	**0**	**9**	**0**	**6**	**15**

OSU	Atha 27 FG, 2nd, 12:08
CU	Fuller 4 run (Ariri kick), 2nd, 5:03
OSU	Schlichter 4 run (kick blocked), 2nd, 1:21
CU	Ariri 47 FG, 2nd, 0:05
CU	Austin 1 run (Ariri kick), 3rd, 2:16
OSU	Schlichter 1 run (run failed), 4th, 8:11

Attendance - 72,011

Team Statistics	CU	OSU
First Downs	20	16
Rushes-Yards	60-207	44-150
Passing Yards	123	205
Passes	9-20-0	16-20-1
Total Offense	80-330	64-355
Punts	6-38.3	4-41.5

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Perry 14-54, Ratchford 10-54, Fuller 17-38-1
OSU Schlichter 18-70-2, Springs 10-42, Campbell 11-26

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Fuller 9-20-123-0-0
OSU Schlichter 16-20-205-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Butler 4-44, Tuttle 3-41, Clark 1-28
OSU Donley 3-44, Barwig 2-51, Hunter 2-49

2014 ORANGE BOWL VS. OHIO STATE

Brent Venables bristled a bit earlier in the week when he was asked about the Orange Bowl against No. 6 Ohio State being billed as a shootout.

While the final score, 40-35 in favor of No. 11 Clemson, may have indicated that was the case, its defensive coordinator could smile afterward knowing his unit made the plays that sealed the victory.

The Tigers forced four second-half turnovers, including a fumble and interception on the Buckeyes' last two possessions, to rally from a halftime deficit for the win.

It was not all defense for Clemson, as Sammy Watkins set Tiger and Orange Bowl records with 16 receptions and 227 receiving yards to garner MVP honors, and Tajh Boyd accounted for 505 yards of total offense and six touchdowns. Despite outgaining Ohio State by 108 yards and largely dominating on both sides of the ball, the Tigers trailed at halftime 22-20.

But the Tigers cashed in on two third-quarter turnovers by the Buckeyes, as Watkins and Martavis Bryant made acrobatic catches in the end zone to put Clemson on top entering the fourth quarter.

Stanton Seckinger put Clemson ahead with a five-yard catch with 6:16 left, and takeaways by Spencer Shuey and Stephone Anthony finished off Ohio State.

Things looked bleak for the Tigers after Ohio State stretched its lead to 29-20 and got another stop to open the second half.

Clemson got a break after its offense had been forced to punt, as Corey Brown muffed a punt and Clemson recovered at the Ohio State 33. The Tigers cashed in, as Watkins made an acrobatic catch for a 30-yard touchdown that narrowed Ohio State's lead to 29-27.

The Tiger defense kept the momentum going on the ensuing drive. On third-and-eight, pressure flushed Braxton Miller out of the pocket and his pass to the sideline was intercepted by Jayron Kearse to give Clemson the ball at the Ohio State 38.

Bryant then hauled in a juggling catch in the corner of the end zone to put the Tigers back on top 34-29 with 32 seconds left in the third quarter.

After the Buckeyes regained the lead, the Tigers went back in front on a five-yard grab by Seckinger, whom Boyd found wide open for the touchdown. The score put Clemson on top 40-35 with 6:16 remaining.

With the Buckeyes facing third-and-13 on the ensuing drive, Bashaud Breeland crashed in on a corner blitz and hit Miller, the ball popped loose and Shuey snatched it out of the air at the Ohio State 47.

The Tigers gave the ball right back, as Ohio State came up with an interception three plays later, but Anthony picked Miller off two plays later to get the ball back for Clemson and seal the win.

2014 ORANGE BOWL

Clemson	**14**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**40**
Ohio State	**9**	**13**	**7**	**6**	**35**

CU	Boyd 48 run (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 12:50, 6-75
OSU	B. Miller 33 run (Basil kick), 1st, 5:44, 13-75
CU	S. Watkins 34 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 4:56, 4-75
OSU	TEAM safety, 1st, 2:25
CU	Bryant 3 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick failed), 2nd, 6:16, 7-77
OSU	Heuerman 57 pass from B. Miller (Basil kick failed), 2nd, 3:39, 5-85
OSU	B. Miller 3 run (Basil kick), 2nd, 0:12, 5-79
OSU	Hyde 1 run (Basil kick), 3rd, 5:50, 9-87
CU	S. Watkins 30 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 3rd, 2:47, 3-33
CU	Bryant 3 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 3rd, 0:32, 4-38

ACC STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Pct.	PF	PA	Overall	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Notre Dame	9-0	1.000	325	171	10-1	.909	387	205	6-0	4-0	0-1	Lost 1
# Clemson	**8-1**	**.889**	**411**	**183**	**10-1**	**.909**	**494**	**193**	**6-0**	**3-1**	**1-0**	**Won 3**
Miami	7-2	.778	309	246	8-2	.800	340	260	4-1	4-1	0-0	Lost 1
North Carolina	7-3	.700	424	303	8-3	.727	473	312	5-1	3-2	0-0	Won 2
NC State	7-3	.700	327	313	8-3	.727	342	327	5-1	3-2	0-0	Won 4
Pitt	5-5	.500	264	270	6-5	.545	319	270	4-2	2-3	0-0	Won 1
Boston College	5-5	.500	282	291	6-5	.545	306	312	4-2	2-3	0-0	Lost 1
Virginia Tech	5-5	.500	307	315	5-6	.455	342	353	3-3	2-3	0-0	Won 1
Virginia	4-5	.444	252	281	5-5	.500	307	296	5-1	0-4	0-0	Lost 1
Wake Forest	3-4	.429	230	239	4-4	.500	296	253	3-1	1-3	0-0	Lost 2
Georgia Tech	3-6	.333	218	319	3-7	.300	239	368	2-4	1-3	0-0	Lost 2
Louisville	3-7	.300	290	272	4-7	.364	325	293	4-2	0-5	0-0	Won 1
Florida State	2-6	.250	191	300	3-6	.333	232	324	3-2	0-4	0-0	Won 1
Duke	1-9	.100	220	400	2-9	.182	273	419	1-4	1-5	0-0	Lost 4
Syracuse	1-9	.100	175	322	1-10	.091	196	360	1-5	0-5	0-0	Lost 8

 # Won ACC Championship Game

OSU Hyde 14 pass from B. Miller (Guiton pass failed), 4th, 11:35, 10-75
CU Seckinger 5 pass from Boyd (S. Watkins pass failed), 4th, 6:16, 13-75
Attendance - 72,080

Team Statistics	CU	OSU
Rushes-Yards	36-198	48-193
Passing	31-40-378	16-24-234

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Boyd 20-127-1, McDowell 12-69, Davidson 1-3, S. Watkins 1-3, TEAM 2-(-4)
OSU Hyde 25-113-1, B. Miller 18-35-2, Wilson 3-24, C. Brown 1-15, Heuerman 1-6

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Boyd 31-40-378-2-5
OSU B. Miller 16-24-234-2-2

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU S. Watkins 16-227-2, McDowell 4-32, Bryant 3-28-2, Davidson 3-27, Seckinger 2-14-1, Hopper 2-7, Leggett 1-43
OSU C. Brown 8-116, Hyde 2-39-1, Vannett 2-22, D. Smith 2-5, Heuerman 1-57-1, Wilson 1-(-5)

2016 FIESTA BOWL VS. OHIO STATE

Clemson used a dominating defense and the efficient all-around play of quarterback Deshaun Watson to defeat No. 2 ranked Ohio State, 31-0 in the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz. It was the worst margin of defeat in a bowl game in Ohio State history.

It marked the first time an Urban Meyer coached team had been shutout in 194 games and the first time Ohio State had been shutout since 1993. Ohio State entered the game averaging 42.7 points per game, ninth in the nation, and 480 yards per game total offense. Buckeye quarterback J.T Barrett had just 127 yards passing and -2 rushing.

Overall, Ohio State had just 88 yards rushing and 127 passing for 215 yards of total offense. They averaged just 3.8 yards a play and had just nine first downs.

Watson, the offensive MVP of the game, hit on 26-of-36 passes for 259 yards and a score. He added 57 yards rushing and two scores. Wayne Gallman was Clemson's top rusher with 85 yards on 18 attempts and a score. Mike Williams had six catches for 96 yards, while Hunter Renfrow added five receptions for 50 yards.

Clelin Ferrell was named the defensive player of the game thanks to his three tackles for loss, including a sack. Van Smith led the Clemson defense with nine tackles, while Carlos Watkins had two sacks, giving him 10.5 for the season.

Ohio State missed two field goals in the first quarter and those misses proved to be momentum swaying plays. Clemson's Greg Huegel hit on a 45-yarder in the first quarter to give Clemson a 3-0 advantage. The Tigers later scored again in the opening period on a one-yard run by Watson, a play that culminated a 70-yard scoring drive.

It became 17-0 at halftime when Watson found the late C.J. Fuller out of the backfield on a wheel route. Fuller made the catch in the end zone to give Clemson a 17-0 lead. Fuller, the late native of nearby Easley, S.C., had just four catches for 17 yards all year before that play.

The Tigers made it 31-0 with 8:47 left. Clemson took over at the Ohio State seven after Van Smith intercepted the ball at the Clemson seven, then ran 86 yards to the Ohio State seven to set up Watson's last score. It was the fifth-longest interception return in school history and Clemson's longest in a bowl game.

The victory was Clemson's first against the No. 2 ranked team in the AP poll, the highest-ranked win in Clemson history at the time. It also gave Clemson a 3-0 record against Ohio State, all wins in bowl games. It was the third shutout of the season for the Tigers, most in a season since 1991.

2016 FIESTA BOWL

Ohio State	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Clemson	**10**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**31**

CU Huegel 45 FG 1st, 9:16, 7-42
CU Watson 1 run (Huegel Kick) 1st, 2:16, 10-70
CU Fuller 30 pass from Watson (Huegel Kick) 2nd, 2:21, 8-83
CU Watson 7 run (Huegel Kick) 3rd, 2:06, 5-40
CU Gallman 7 run (Huegel Kick) 4th, 8:51, 2-7
Attendance - 71, 279

Team Statistics	OSU	CU
Rushes-Yards	23-88	48-205
Passing	19-33-127	24-37-265

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
OSU Samuel 6-67, Weber 5-24, Barrett 11-(-2)
CU Gallman 18-85-1, Watson 15-57-2, Schuessler 1-19, Choice 4-15, Feaster 3-12, Scott 3-8, McCloud 2-8, Fuller 1-3

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
OSU Barrett 19-33-127-2-0
CU Watson 23-36-259-2-1, Schuessler 1-1-6-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
OSU Samuel 9-43, Weber 3-4, Smith 2-27, Brown 2-17, Victor 1-21, Hill 1-8, McLaurin 1-7
CU M. Williams 6-96, Renfrow 5-50, McCloud 4-29, Fuller 3-45-1, Scott 2-16, Gallman 1-10, Cain 1-9, G. Williams 1-6, Leggett 1-4

2019 FIESTA BOWL VS. OHIO STATE

Trevor Lawrence connected with Travis Etienne with 1:49 left in the fourth quarter to give No. 3 Clemson the lead and Nolan Turner intercepted Ohio State's Justin Fields in the end zone with 37 seconds remaining, as the Tigers erased a 16-point first half deficit to defeat No. 2 Ohio State 29-23 in the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

With the win, Clemson earned its fourth championship game appearance in five years and extended Clemson's national-best winning streak to 29 games.

The Tigers trailed 16-0 in the first half before two touchdowns in the second quarter cut the Buckeye lead to 16-14. Clemson scored a touchdown in the third quarter to take a 21-16 lead into the fourth quarter. Ohio State retook the lead with 11:46 remaining, 23-21. With 1:49 remaining, Lawrence found Etienne for a 34-yard touchdown to reclaim the lead. Turner recorded Clemson's second interception of the contest, picking off Fields in the end zone to seal the 29-23 victory for the Tigers.

Lawrence completed 18-of-33 passes for 259 yards and two passing touchdowns. The sophomore ran for a career-best 107 yards, including a 67-yard touchdown

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS UNDER DABO SWINNEY

Clemson's Record When...	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Totals
Playing all games	4-3	9-5	6-7	10-4	11-2	11-2	10-3	14-1	14-1	12-2	15-0	14-1	10-1	140-32
Scoring first	4-2	6-4	5-5	7-3	8-2	10-0	7-2	9-0	9-0	10-0	11-0	11-1	8-0	105-19
Leading at end of first quarter	4-0	5-2	5-3	5-2	6-2	8-0	6-0	9-1	10-0	8-0	11-0	11-0	9-0	97-10
Tied at end of first quarter	0-2	3-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	2-0	3-1	2-0	3-0	1-1	0-0	21-6
Trailing at end of first quarter	0-1	1-3	1-3	3-2	4-0	1-1	2-3	3-0	1-0	2-2	1-0	2-0	1-1	22-16
Leading at halftime	4-1	8-1	5-2	5-0	10-2	8-0	8-1	12-0	13-1	11-0	14-0	12-0	9-0	119-8
Tied at halftime	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	6-2
Trailing at halftime	0-2	1-4	1-5	2-4	1-0	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	15-22
Leading at end of third quarter	4-1	7-1	5-1	8-0	9-0	10-0	10-0	13-1	12-1	11-0	14-0	13-0	9-0	125-5
Tied at end of third quarter	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	5-4
Trailing at end of third quarter	0-2	1-4	1-6	2-4	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	10-23
Tied at end of fourth quarter	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-3
Totaling more total yards	4-0	8-0	3-3	10-0	10-0	10-1	9-1	13-1	13-1	10-0	13-0	13-0	10-0	127-7
Totaling more rushing yards	3-0	8-1	4-1	7-1	6-1	8-1	8-1	11-1	9-0	11-0	12-0	12-0	8-0	108-7
Totaling more passing yards	2-2	6-2	4-5	9-2	8-0	10-1	8-2	11-1	13-1	7-1	11-0	13-0	9-1	112-18
Totaling more first downs	2-0	5-1	3-3	9-0	10-0	9-0	10-0	13-1	13-1	10-0	13-0	12-0	9-0	118-6
Winning time of possession	4-1	3-0	4-3	5-0	6-0	2-0	7-1	11-0	10-1	8-0	4-0	7-0	6-0	77-6
Winning turnover margin	3-1	7-0	4-1	5-0	5-1	9-0	3-1	6-0	6-0	5-1	8-0	11-0	6-0	78-5
Tying turnover margin	0-1	2-2	0-3	3-0	3-0	2-0	5-1	2-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	28-7
Losing turnover margin	1-1	0-3	2-3	2-4	3-1	0-2	2-1	6-1	5-1	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	34-20
Rushing for 200+ yards	0-0	4-1	3-0	4-0	5-0	2-0	4-0	11-0	6-0	6-0	10-0	10-0	3-0	68-1
Having a 100+ yard rusher	0-0	2-2	3-3	4-1	3-0	4-1	4-0	9-0	5-0	2-0	8-0	9-0	3-0	56-7
Passing for 300+ yards	1-0	1-0	0-0	5-2	9-0	9-0	3-1	6-1	8-1	3-0	5-0	6-0	7-1	63-6
Playing August games	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
Playing September games	0-0	2-2	2-1	4-0	4-1	3-0	2-1	3-0	4-0	5-0	5-0	4-0	2-0	40-5
Playing October games	0-1	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-0	3-1	4-0	5-0	4-0	2-1	3-0	3-0	5-0	41-8
Playing November games	4-1	3-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	4-0	3-1	4-0	4-0	4-0	1-1	39-11
Playing December games	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	15-2
Playing January games	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-5

rush in the second quarter, the longest rush of his career.

Etienne recorded his third and fourth receiving touchdown of the season, taking a pass from Lawrence 53 yards to the end zone in the second quarter, and a 34-yard touchdown in the final minutes of the game to put the Tigers ahead. Etienne led Clemson in receiving with three receptions for 98 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions.

The Clemson defense intercepted Fields two times, one by Butkus Award winner Isaiah Simmons and one to seal the game by Turner. Prior to the game, Fields had only thrown one interception on the season.

2019 FIESTA BOWL

Clemson	**0**	**14**	**7**	**8**	**29**
Ohio State	**10**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**23**

OSU	Haubeil 21 FG, 1st, 12:03, 10-71
OSU	Dobbins 68 run (Haubeil kick), 1st, 8:35, 1-68
OSU	Haubeil 22 FG, 2nd, 14:11, 7-75
OSU	Haubeil 33 FG, 2nd, 7:20, 14-70
CU	Etienne 8 run (Potter kick), 2nd, 2:45, 10-75
CU	Lawrence 67 run (Potter kick), 2nd, 1:10, 5-83
CU	Etienne 53 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick), 3rd, 7:54, 7-99
OSU	Olave 23 pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 4th, 11:46, 13-84
CU	Etienne 34 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick), 4th, 1:49, 4-94

Attendance - 71,330 **Weather -** Indoors

Team Statistics	CU	OSU
Rushes-Yards	29-158	39-196
Passing	18-33-259	30-46-320

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Lawrence 16-107-1, Etienne 10-36-1, Dixon 1-17, TEAM 2-(-2)

OSU Dobbins 18-174-1, Fields 14-13, Teague 7-9

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 18-33-259-0-2

OSU Fields 30-46-320-2-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Ross 6-47, Higgins 4-33, Etienne 3-98-2, Overton 2-30, Rodgers 1-38, Ngata 1-11, Dixon 1-2

OSU Hill 6-67, Mack 6-54, Dobbins 6-47, Wilson 4-47, Olave 3-50-1, Victor 3-38, Farrell 1-11, Ruckert 1-6

TOP PERFORMANCES VS. OHIO STATE

Included below are Clemson's top individual statistical performances all-time against Ohio State.

PASSING YARDS

Date	Player	Site	Com-Att-Int-TD	Yards
1-3-14	Tajh Boyd	N1	31-40-2-5	378
12-31-16	Deshaun Watson	N2	23-36-2-1	259
12-28-19	Trevor Lawrence	N2	18-33-0-2	259

N1 at Miami Gardens, Fla.; N2 at Glendale, Ariz.

RUSHING YARDS

Date	Player	Site	Att-Yds
1-3-14	Tajh Boyd	N1	20-127
12-28-19	Trevor Lawrence	N2	16-107
12-31-16	Wayne Gallman	N2	18-85

N1 at Miami Gardens, Fla.; N2 at Glendale, Ariz.

RECEIVING YARDS

Date	Player	Site	Rec-Yds
1-3-14	Sammy Watkins	N1	16-227
12-28-19	Travis Etienne	N2	3-98
12-31-16	Mike Williams	N2	6-96

N1 at Miami Gardens, Fla.; N2 at Glendale, Ariz.

Top all-time team performances by Clemson against Ohio State are included below.

TEAM TOTAL OFFENSE

Year	Site	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total
2013	N1	76	198	378	576
2016	N2	85	205	265	470
2019	N3	62	158	259	417

N1 at Miami Gardens, Fla.; N2 at Glendale, Ariz.

TEAM RUSHING YARDS

Year	Site	Avg.	Att.	Yds.
1978	N1	3.5	60	207
2016	N2	4.3	48	205
2013	N3	5.5	36	198

N1 at Jacksonville, Fla.; N2 at Glendale, Ariz.; N3 at Miami Gardens, Fla.

TEAM PASSING YARDS

Year	Site	Comp.	Att.	Yds.
2013	N1	31	40	378
2016	N2	24	37	265
2019	N3	18	33	259

N1 at Miami Gardens, Fla.; N2 at Glendale, Ariz.

CLEMSON-OHIO STATE VETERANS

Among Clemson's ninth fifth-year seniors on its roster, two are expected to make their third career game appearance against Ohio State, including both the 2016 and 2019 Fiesta Bowls.

Wide receiver Cornell Powell, a fifth-year senior in the midst of a career year in his first year as a starter, has 24 career offensive snaps against Ohio State. He played 23 snaps in Clemson's 31-0 shutout of Ohio State in 2016 and played one offensive snap in last year's contest.

Linebacker James Skalski appeared on special teams in the teams' 2016 meeting. Last year, he played 81 defensive snaps, recording nine tackles and a half-sack in Clemson's comeback win.

Last year, 54 Clemson players participated in the Tigers' 29-23 win against Ohio State. Of those 54, 39 are on Clemson's roster for this contest, a list that includes TE Davis Allen, OG Matt Bockhorst, OL Jackson Carman, TE J.C. Chalk, S Joseph Charleston, DT Tyler Davis, RB Lyn-J Dixon, RB Travis Etienne, DE Justin Foster, TE Braden Galloway, CB Mario Goodrich, DE K.J. Henry, DT Darnell Jefferies, LB Mike Jones Jr., CB Sheridan Jones, CB Derion Kendrick, WR Frank Ladson Jr., QB Trevor Lawrence, DE Justin Mascoll, OT Jordan McFadden, WR Joseph Ngata, DB Jalyn Phillips, DT Nyles Pinckney, PK B.T. Potter, WR Cornell Powell, TE Luke Price (will miss game with injury in 2020), RB Darien Rencher, WR Amari Rodgers, WR Justyn Ross (will miss game with injury in 2020), LB James Skalski, LB Baylon Spector, P Will Spiers, WR Will Swinney, DE Xavier Thomas, S Nolan Turner, DE Regan Upshaw, LB Jake Venables, DT Jordan Williams and S Lannden Zanders.

CONNECTIONS TO THE BUCKEYE STATE

Clemson's current roster features two players from Ohio, both of whom are starters along the Tiger offensive line.

Redshirt junior guard Matt Bockhorst, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, has played 685 snaps in starting all 11 games at guard for Clemson this season. The December 2020 graduate in financial management completed his prep career at Cincinnati's St. Xavier High School prior to becoming the first Clemson signee from the state of Ohio since Cole Stoudt in 2011.

Junior offensive tackle Jackson Carman followed Bockhorst's lead a year later, joining the Tigers out of Ohio in the 2018 recruiting class. Carman, a native of Fairfield, Ohio, was a second-team All-ACC selection and a second-team CBS Sports All-American who has played 723 snaps, second-most on the team, over 11 games (all starts) at left tackle this season.

Over the offseason, Clemson welcomed graduate assistant Chandler Whitmer to its staff. Whitmer spent the 2019 season as a graduate assistant at Ohio State, helping a Buckeye offensive line that was a Joe Moore Award finalist. This season, he has assisted a Tiger receiving corps that has helped Clemson produce the most prolific per-game passing total in school history despite immense attrition at the position because of extended injuries to Justyn Ross, Joseph Ngata and Frank Ladson Jr.

In addition, Clemson's current roster features a pair of Ohio State legacies. Cornerback Jake Herbstreit and wide receiver Tye Herbstreit are both redshirt freshmen on Clemson's roster and are the sons of former Ohio State quarterback Kirk Herbstreit, who lettered for the Buckeyes from 1989-92 and collected team MVP honors for Ohio State as a senior. Herbstreit is a Centerville, Ohio native. Jim Herbstreit, Jake and Tye's grandfather, was a former player and captain at Ohio State from 1958-60 and went on to serve as an assistant coach under Woody Hayes from 1960-61.

-- ON THIS DATE --

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEMORIES

- **Jan. 1, 1940** - In its first bowl appearance, Clemson defeated Boston College, 6-3. Charlie Timmons scored the game's lone touchdown from two yards out and rushed for 115 yards. Banks McFadden keyed the defense with four pass deflections of Boston College passes and he also averaged 43 yards per punt. Boston College drove to the Clemson eight with three minutes left, but Shad Bryant and McFadden knocked away third and fourth-down passes to save the day for the Tigers. "Clemson is every bit as good as they were cracked up to be," Boston College Coach Frank Leahy said. "We lost to a great team, one of the best I have ever seen. I have the satisfaction of knowing that while we were beaten, the game wasn't lost on a fluke."

- **Jan. 1, 1949** - The Tigers won the Gator Bowl by a 24-23 score over Missouri. Fred Cone scored two first-quarter touchdowns as Clemson raced to a 14-0 lead. After Missouri tied the game, Bobby Gage threw a nine-yard scoring pass to John Poulos, a play that completed a 80-yard drive. Jack Miller's 32-yard field goal in the fourth quarter proved to be the winning margin. Missouri would score a late touchdown to come within 24-23, but that was the final score. The game predated the adoption of the two-point conversion, so Missouri did not have the opportunity to tie the score after their touchdown that took place with less than five minutes left. Clemson closed the season with a perfect 11-0 record, the only team in college football with 11 wins that year and one of just three with a perfect record. Notre Dame and Michigan were both 9-0-0 that season, but did not play in a bowl game.

- **Jan. 1, 1951** - Clemson appeared in the Orange Bowl for the first time and squeaked out a 15-14 win over Miami (Fla.) to complete an undefeated season. Sterling Smith's tackle of Frank Smith in the end zone gave Clemson a safety with under six minutes left in the game and gave the Tigers the victory. Don Wade also had two interceptions in the game. It was Clemson's second undefeated season in the last three years for Howard's Tigers.

- **Jan. 1, 1957** - Colorado defeated Clemson, 27-21, in an Orange Bowl. Clemson had trailed 20-0 at the half and Frank Howard threatened to resign at halftime. But, the Tigers came back to take a 21-20 lead in fourth quarter, only to see the Buffaloes score late to win the game.

- **Jan. 1, 1959** - Top-ranked LSU and future Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon beat Clemson, 7-0, in the Sugar Bowl. Cannon, a halfback, threw a touchdown pass to give LSU and Paul Dietzel the national championship-

clinching victory. It was the first time Clemson had ever played the nation's No. 1 team.

- **Jan. 1, 1982** - Clemson claimed its first national championship with a 22-15 win over Nebraska in the 48th annual Orange Bowl Classic. One of the Clemson touchdowns was scored by Cliff Austin, who had been trapped in an elevator for two hours at the Clemson hotel earlier in the day.

- **Jan. 1, 1983** - Terry Kinard was named National Defensive Player of the Year by CBS Sports. He was presented the award during halftime of the Cotton Bowl by CBS announcer Lindsey Nelson. Kinard had led Clemson to a 9-1-1 record, led the team in tackles and interceptions.

- **Jan. 1, 1988** - Clemson gained 499 yards in handing Penn State its worst bowl-game defeat (35-10) in the Citrus Bowl. Rodney Williams was named the player of the game as he threw for 214 yards. Terry Allen rushed for 105 yards and Keith Jennings caught seven passes for 110 yards, giving Clemson a 200-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game for the first time since 1969. Clemson ranked No. 10 in the final UPI poll.

- **Jan. 1, 1991** - Clemson shut out Illinois, 30-0, in its first Hall of Fame Bowl appearance. It was Clemson's largest margin of victory in a bowl game. The win elevated Clemson to No. 9 in the final AP poll and gave Clemson a Top 10 ranking in Ken Hatfield's first year. He was the first ACC coach ever to finish his first season ranked in the Top 10. It was a then-record 40th win for Clemson's seniors.

CLEMSON ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (6-8)

Date	AP Rank*	Opponent	Site	W-L	CU-Opp
1/1/1940	15/14	Boston College	N	W	6-3
1/1/1949	9/-	Missouri	N	W	24-23
1/1/1951	11/14	Miami (FL)	A	W	15-14
1/1/1952	19/-	Miami (FL)	N	L	0-14
1/1/1957	19/20	Colorado	N	L	21-27
1/1/1959	12/1	LSU	N	L	0-7
1/1/1982	1/4	Nebraska	N	W	22-15
1/1/1988	14/20	Penn State	N	W	35-10
1/1/1991	14/16	Illinois	N	W	30-0
1/1/1992	13/14	California	N	L	13-37
1/1/1996	23/-	Syracuse	N	L	0-41
1/1/2001	16/6	Virginia Tech	N	L	20-41
1/1/2009	-/-	Nebraska	N	L	21-26
1/1/2018	1/4	Alabama	N	L	6-24

* - Clemson/Opponent

-- NOTES FROM LAST GAME --

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP POSTGAME NOTES

- According to ESPN, the game represented only the fourth time in the AP Poll era (since 1936) that two teams have faced one another twice in a single season with both teams ranked in the AP Top 5 for both meetings, joining 1959 LSU/Ole Miss, 1996 Florida State/Florida and 2011 LSU/Alabama. With Clemson's win on Saturday, teams that lost the first meeting are now 4-0 in rematches between Top 5 contests that same season. In every instance, the team that lost the first game won the rematch by at least 21 points.

- Clemson recorded 541 total yards, including 322 passing and 219 rushing. It was Clemson's second game this season exceeding both 200 passing yards and 200 rushing yards, joining Clemson's victory against Miami (Fla.). Clemson is now 53-0 when both passing and rushing for 200+ yards under Dabo Swinney.

- Clemson's 500-yard performance was its fifth of the season and its first since Nov. 28 vs. Pitt. Clemson is now responsible for three of the four 500-yard games in ACC Championship Game history.

- Clemson has now opened a season with 400 yards of offense in each of the first 11 games of a season for the second time in school history (2018).

- Clemson has now rushed for 200 yards in consecutive games for the first time since last year's regular season finale and ACC Championship Game against South Carolina and Virginia, respectively.

- Clemson joined 2013 Florida State as the only ACC teams ever to score 34 or more points in each of the first 11 games of a season.

- Clemson recorded multiple rushing touchdowns in a 27th consecutive game. The last time Clemson was held to a single rushing touchdown was in a 27-point win in the 2018 Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame.

- After surrendering 519 yards to Notre Dame in November (310 passing and 209 rushing), Clemson limited Notre Dame to 263 total yards on Saturday. Clemson held Notre Dame to 44 rushing yards after surrendering 65 yards on the first offensive play alone in the teams' meeting in November.

- Clemson held Notre Dame to 1.5 yards per carry. Clemson has held opponents to 2.0 or fewer yards per carry 25 times since 2014, second-most in the country. Clemson is 24-1 in those contests.

- Heisman contender Trevor Lawrence was named the game's Most Valuable Player after he completed 25-of-36 passes for 322 yards with two passing touchdowns. He also rushed for a season-high 90 yards, the second-most of his career and his most since a 107-yard rushing day against Ohio State in the 2019 Fiesta Bowl.

- Lawrence's 412 yards of total offense (passing and rushing) were second-most in ACC Championship Game history, trailing only Deshaun Watson's 420-yard total offense output against North Carolina in 2015.

- Lawrence improved to 34-1 as a starter, adding to his standing as the winningest starting quarterback in Clemson history and further improving the best winning percentage (.971) by an FBS starting quarterback since Division I split in 1978.

- Lawrence became the first starting quarterback to win three ACC Championship Games.

- Clemson produced a 300-yard passer (Lawrence) and a 100-yard rusher (Travis Etienne) in a single game for the second time this season, joining the season opener at Wake Forest. The performance represented the 16th time in history that Clemson has produced both a 300-yard passer and a 100-yard rusher in a single game. All 16 instances at Clemson have come since the turn of the century. Thirteen have come under Dabo Swinney, including five by the Lawrence/Etienne duo.

- Lawrence posted his 12th career 300-yard passing game. He, Tajh Boyd (18) and Deshaun Watson (13) are the only players in school history to record double-digit career 300-yard passing games.

- Lawrence (9,698) passed Charlie Whitehurst (9,665) for third-most career passing yards in Clemson history.

- Lawrence added to his school record for career touchdown passes of 50 yards or more on a 67-yard pass to Amari Rodgers in the first quarter. It was Lawrence's 19th touchdown pass of 50 yards or more with Clemson.

- Lawrence now has a 50-yard touchdown pass in consecutive games for the first time since the ACC Championship Game and the Fiesta Bowl in 2019.

- Lawrence also scored on a 34-yard touchdown rush in the third quarter. It was his seventh rushing touchdown of the season and his 17th of his career. The 17 career rushing touchdowns surpass Kelly Bryant for sole possession of fifth-most by a Clemson quarterback in the modern era.

- Lawrence and Dabo Swinney became the first starting quarterback and head coach combination to beat two top-3-ranked Notre Dame teams in a career since 1967-68 (Purdue head coach Jack Mollenkoff and quarterback Mike Phipps).

- Etienne rushed 10 times for 124 yards with one rushing touchdown and caught three passes for 12 yards.

- The 100-yard rushing game was a school-record-extending 20th of Etienne's career, tying him with NC State's Joe McIntosh and Boston College's AJ Dillon for seventh-most in ACC history.

- Etienne snapped a six-game streak without a 100-yard rushing game.

- Etienne's 12.4-yard rushing average was his 13th career game averaging at least 10 yards per carry (minimum five carries), adding to his FBS lead in that category since 2000.

- On a fourth and one, Etienne scored on a 44-yard touchdown run with 21 seconds remaining in the first half.

- With the score, Etienne added to his FBS record for most career games scoring a touchdown, scoring in a 45th game of his 54-game career.

- The touchdown was Etienne's 13th rushing touchdown of the season, allowing him to join Wisconsin's Ron Dayne as the only players in FBS history to record at least 13 rushing touchdowns in four different seasons.

- Etienne (4,943) moved past Kyle Parker (4,902) to move into the Top 10 in Clemson history in yards of total offense, a category that includes both yards rushing and yards passing, despite having only 23 career passing yards.

- In four ACC Championship Game appearances, Etienne has recorded 42 carries for 418 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns. He has scored in all four of his ACC Championship Games.

- Wide receiver Amari Rodgers led all receivers in receptions (eight) and receiving yards (121).

- Rodgers recorded his fifth career 100-yard receiving game, his third of the season. All five of his 100-yard receiving games have come away from home, including four road games and Saturday's neutral-site contest.

- Rodgers scored Clemson's first points of the game on a 67-yard touchdown reception from Lawrence on the Tigers' second drive. The reception was the second-longest in ACC Championship Game history.

- On the touchdown reception, Rodgers (2,090) eclipsed 2,000 receiving yards for his career, becoming the 15th player in Clemson history to hit that milestone. He now sits 13th in career receiving yards in Clemson history.

- It was also Rodgers' 15th career touchdown catch, making him the 16th player in school history to record 15 career touchdown receptions.

- Rodgers (173) also moved past Rod Gardner (166) and Derrick Hamilton (167) for seventh on Clemson's all-time leaderboard for career receptions.

- The touchdown was Rodgers' sixth career touchdown of 50 yards or more (including five receiving and one via punt return), tying him for eighth-most by a Clemson player since 1950.

- Wide receiver E.J. Williams recorded his second touchdown of the season on a 33-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

- Williams' four receptions for 80 yards were both career highs.

- Linebacker James Skalski became the first player ever to appear in five ACC Championship Games.

- Skalski recorded his first full sack of the season on a third down on Notre Dame's first drive.

- Clemson recorded six sacks. Clemson has now

recorded multiple sacks in 33 of its last 34 games, including each of its last 17. Clemson's 17th straight game with two or more sacks ties a 17-game streak from 1998-99 for the Tigers' second-longest streak since 1980.

- Clemson's six sacks tied for the most in ACC Championship Game history, matching Florida State's six in 2005. Clemson's previous best was four, set against both Virginia Tech in 2016 and Miami (Fla.) in 2017.

- Clemson (44) reached 40 sacks on the season, giving Clemson at least 40 sacks in seven straight seasons. Clemson's seven-season streak is the longest in the country.

- Defensive end K.J. Henry and cornerback Derion Kendrick recorded sacks on back-to-back plays in the second quarter. The sack improved Henry's season sack total to 3.5, while the takedown was the first of Kendrick's career.

- True freshmen Myles Murphy and Malcolm Greene split a third quarter sack.

- Greene's half sack was the first of his career, as he became the 21st different Clemson player to record at least half a sack this season, the most in the FBS.

- Greene later added a full sack in the third quarter, forcing Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book out of bounds on a scramble for a two-yard loss.

- The half-sack pushed Murphy's season total to 4.0, tying William Perry (4.0 in 1981), Ricky Sapp (4.0 in 2006) and Shaq Lawson (4.0 in 2013) for third-most sacks by a Clemson true freshman all-time.

- True freshman linebacker Trenton Simpson later matched that mark, recording his fourth sack of the season in the fourth quarter.

- Safety Lannden Zanders recorded his first career forced fumble in the third quarter.

- Clemson won the game despite losing the turnover margin, 1-0. It was the first time in the six-game all-time series between Clemson and Notre Dame that the team that lost the turnover margin won the game.

- After surrendering an opening field goal, Clemson scored 24 consecutive points to hold a 24-3 lead at halftime. In Clemson's six consecutive ACC Championship Games since 2015, the Tigers have recorded a cumulative 146-50 halftime lead, an average lead of 16 points per game.

- Clemson faced its seventh different opponent in its eight ACC Championship Game appearances all-time, a list that includes Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech (twice), North Carolina, Miami (Fla.), Pitt, Virginia and Notre Dame. The only non-Atlantic Division foe Clemson has not faced in an ACC title game is Duke.

- Clemson played a third AP Top 10 opponent in a single season for the seventh time in school history (four each in 2013 and 2015; three each in 1966, 1977, 1981 and 2016). It is only the third time in school history Clemson has played three Top 10 opponents prior to bowl season (three in 1966 and 2013).

- Clemson played a third matchup of two AP Top 10 teams in a single season for the fourth time in school history (three Top-10 matchups each in 2013, 2015 and 2016). It joined the 2013 season as the only seasons in school history that Clemson has played in three games between Top 10 teams prior to bowl season.

- With its second meeting with Notre Dame this season, Clemson played a team twice in a single season for the third time in school history. Clemson dropped two meetings with Georgia Tech in 2009 and swept two meetings with Virginia Tech in 2011. With the win, Clemson split a two-game single-season series with an opponent for the first time.

- Captains for the contest were running back Travis Etienne, quarterback Trevor Lawrence, linebacker James Skalski and safety Nolan Turner.

WITH THE WIN...

- Clemson, which was already the first team in ACC history to win five consecutive outright titles, became the first team in ACC history to win six consecutive ACC titles outright. (Note: Florida State earned at least a share of nine consecutive ACC titles from 1992-2000 but never earned more than three consecutive titles outright.)

- Clemson and Oklahoma became the first teams in any active conference to win six consecutive outright conference titles. The last team presently in the Power Five to win at least six straight outright titles was Oklahoma (12 from 1948-59) as part of the now-dissolved Big 8 Conference.

- Clemson became the first program to win 20 ACC titles. Since helping form the conference in 1953, Clemson's ACC-leading 20 titles include 19 outright championships.

- Clemson earned its 26th conference championship all-time, including four SIAA championships and two Southern Conference championships prior to the formation of the ACC. Clemson's 26 conference titles across all conferences are the most of any current or former ACC member.

- Clemson improved to 7-1 all-time in ACC Championship Games.

- Clemson has now won 10 games for a school-record 10th consecutive season. Clemson became only the third program in history ever to post 10 consecutive 10-win seasons, joining Florida State (14 from 1987-2000) and Alabama (13 from 2008-20).

- Clemson became the first school to win 10 games in 10 straight seasons as a member of the ACC, as only the final nine of Florida State's 14-straight 10-win seasons came during the Seminoles' tenure in the ACC.

- Clemson improved to 18-8 under Dabo Swinney in rematches of losses. Entering Saturday, Clemson had suffered only 32 losses under Swinney and had 25 previous opportunities to avenge its most recent loss against an opponent, going 17-8 in those contests. (There are six programs Clemson has not faced again since a loss in the teams' most recent meeting.)

- Clemson improved to 14-10 all-time in games between AP Top 10 teams and pushed Clemson to 9-3 in games between AP Top 10 teams since the start of the 2016 season.

- Clemson earned its 13th all-time victory against an AP Top 5 opponent. Ten of Clemson's 13 all-time wins against AP Top 5 teams have come under Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

- Clemson improved to 9-5 all-time in games between two AP Top 5 teams. Clemson is now 7-3 since 2016 when both teams have entered a game in the AP Top 5.

- Clemson defeated an AP Top 2 team for the fifth time in school history. Clemson has two wins against No. 1 (vs. Alabama to end 2016 and 2018) and three wins against No. 2 (vs. Ohio State in 2016 and 2019 and against Notre Dame on Saturday). Of note: Ohio State was ranked No. 2 by the AP for the 2016 Fiesta Bowl despite being the No. 3 seed in the College Football Playoff.

- Clemson improved to 4-2 all-time against Notre Dame. Clemson (4-2), Florida State (6-4), Michigan (25-17-1), Nebraska (8-7-1) and Ohio State (4-2) are the only schools to have played Notre Dame at least four times and hold a winning record in the series.

- Clemson earned a 10th win through the first 11 games of a season for the 11th time in school history. Clemson previously won at least 10 games in its first 11 contests in the 1948, 1978, 1981, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons.

- The 2020 Clemson seniors improved to 51-4 since 2016 to tie the 2016 and 2019 Alabama seniors for the fifth-most wins by a four-year class in FBS history.

- Clemson improved to 52-3 against conference opponents since the start of the 2015 season, the first year of Clemson's active run of six consecutive ACC titles.

- Clemson won its 14th consecutive December game, dating to Clemson's 2011 ACC Championship Game victory against Virginia Tech. Clemson entered the game as one of three schools to be undefeated in December since 2011 with a minimum of five games played, a list that also included Alabama (10-0) and Penn State (6-0) as of the start of Saturday's contests.

- Clemson improved to 25-13 all-time in December games, including postseason play.

- Clemson has now won 87 of its last 89 games, including each of its last 50, when leading at halftime.

- Clemson is now 109-2 since 2011 when leading after three quarters.

- Clemson improved to 108-2 when totaling more first downs than its opponent since 2011.

- Clemson improved to 68-1 when rushing for 200+ yards under Dabo Swinney.

- Clemson improved to 52-2 since 2015 when outscoring opponents in the "Middle Eight," defined as the final four minutes of the first half and the first four minutes of the second half.

- Clemson is now 52-2 when having a 100-yard rusher since 2011.

-- BEST IS THE STANDARD --

MOST WINS SINCE 2015, SECOND-MOST SINCE 2011

Clemson's recent success has been particularly pronounced in the midst of Clemson's five-year streak of College Football Playoff appearances since 2015. Clemson leads Alabama for the most wins in the country in that span, while those two teams have each earned two national championships in that time frame.

MOST WINS (2015-20)

Rk	School	W	L	Pct.
1.	**Clemson**	**79**	**6**	**.929**
2.	Alabama	77	6	.928
3.	Ohio State	67	7	.905
4.	Oklahoma	66	12	.846
5.	Appalachian State	62	15	.805

Clemson won 69 games during the 2015-19 seasons, the most in a five-year period in the AP Poll era (since 1936). With a win against Notre Dame, Clemson's current five-year run (65-5 since 2016) matched its 2014-18 run for the fourth-best in the AP poll era.

MOST WINS IN A FIVE-YEAR SPAN (AP POLL ERA)

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	**Clemson**	**2015-19**	**69**
2.	Alabama	2014-18	67
3.	Alabama	2015-19	66
4.	**Clemson**	**2016-20**	**65**
	Clemson	**2014-18**	**65**

Clemson has a 121-17 record since starting its current stretch of 10-win seasons in 2011. Only Alabama (125-12) has more wins since 2011. The Tigers also have the second-highest winning percentage (.877) in that time frame.

MOST WINS (SINCE 2011)

Rk	School	W	L	Pct.
1.	Alabama	125	12	.912
2.	**Clemson**	**121**	**17**	**.877**
3.	Ohio State	111	17	.867
4.	Oklahoma	105	25	.808
5.	Georgia	100	31	.763
6.	Boise State	100	27	.787
7.	LSU	97	31	.758
8.	Wisconsin	94	35	.729
9.	Notre Dame	94	33	.740
10.	Oregon	93	33	.738

14-WIN SEASONS

There have been 15 seasons of 14 or more wins since the NCAA split Division I in 1978. Clemson accounts for four of those 14-win seasons, matching Alabama for the most 14-win seasons in that span.

14-WIN SEASONS SINCE 1978

Rk.	School	Year	Record
1.	**Clemson**	**2018**	**15-0**
	LSU	2019	15-0
3.	BYU	1996	14-1
	Ohio State	2002	14-0
	Alabama	2009	14-0
	Boise State	2009	14-0
	Auburn	2010	14-0
	Florida State	2013	14-0
	Ohio State	2014	14-1
	Alabama	2015	14-1
	Clemson	**2015**	**14-1**
	Alabama	2016	14-1
	Clemson	**2016**	**14-1**
	Alabama	2018	14-1
	Clemson	**2019**	**14-1**

Note: Since NCAA split Division I in 1978

12-WIN SEASONS

Clemson has won at least 12 games in five consecutive seasons, the longest active streak of 12-win seasons and one of only four such streaks in major college football history, joining Alabama (five from 2014-18), Penn (seven from 1892-98) and Yale (five from 1888-92).

STREAKS OF 12-WIN SEASONS (MAJOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY)

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	Penn	1892-98	7
2.	**Clemson**	**2015-19**	**5***
	Alabama	2014-18	5
	Yale	1888-92	5
5.	Ohio State	2012-15	4
	Boise State	2008-11	4

* - active streak entering 2020

Even at lower thresholds, Clemson's streak of success would remain impressive. Of the 130 active FBS schools, only 30 programs won at least six games in all five seasons from 2015-19. That number dips to 12 when pushing the win total to eight, and drops all the way to four (Clemson, Alabama, Oklahoma and Ohio State) when setting the bar at 10 wins.

SEASON WIN STREAKS SINCE 2015 (ENTERING 2020)

Five-year streaks of...	FBS Teams
At least 6 wins	30
At least 7 wins	23
At least 8 wins	12
At least 9 wins	6
At least 10 wins	4
At least 11 wins	4
At least 12 wins	1

10-WIN SEASONS

Clemson entered 2020 riding a streak of nine consecutive seasons with 10+ wins. The program's 10th consecutive 10-win season in 2020 made Clemson only the third program in FBS history to produce a "double-double" — double-digit wins in a double-digit number of consecutive seasons.

The record for consecutive 10-win seasons is 14, set by Florida State (1987-2000). Alabama is the only other program with an active streak of at least 10 straight 10-win seasons.

The Tigers have 17 10-win seasons in school history, with 10 coming under head coach Dabo Swinney. The 2019 season was Clemson's sixth with at least 12 wins, with Swinney sitting at the helm for five of them.

CONSECUTIVE 10-WIN SEASONS

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	Florida State	1987-00	14
2.	Alabama	2008-20	*13
3.	**Clemson**	**2011-20**	***10**
4.	Texas	2001-09	9
5.	Ohio State	2012-19	*8
	Virginia Tech	2004-11	8
	Miami (Fla.)	1985-92	8
8.	Oregon	2008-14	7
	Boise State	2006-12	7
	Southern California	2002-08	7

* - active streak

ACTIVE STREAKS OF 10-WIN SEASONS (ENTERING 2020)

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	Alabama	2008-19	12*
2.	**Clemson**	**2011-19**	**9***
3.	Ohio State	2012-19	8
4.	Oklahoma	2015-19	5
5.	Georgia	2017-19	3
	Notre Dame	2017-19	3*
	UCF	2017-19	3

* - has already secured additional 10-win season in 2020

THE 750 CLUB

In October 2019, Clemson recorded its 750th all-time victory, becoming the 15th FBS program (and first ACC program) at the time to reach 750 all-time wins.

750+ ALL-TIME WINS (FBS)

Rk	School	Wins
1.	Michigan	964
2.	Ohio State	930
3.	Alabama	927
4.	Texas	922
5.	Notre Dame	918
6.	Oklahoma	916
7.	Nebraska	904
8.	Penn State	901
9.	USC	852
10.	Tennessee	849
11.	Georgia	838
12.	LSU	816
13.	Auburn	782
14.	**Clemson**	**768**
15.	West Virginia	760
16.	Virginia Tech	756
	Texas A&M	756

SENIORS CHASING HISTORY

Every January, Head Coach Dabo Swinney conducts his first official meeting with his new team. The first order of business in the meeting is to "reset the room," reorganizing the seating arrangement with seniors in front and all succeeding classes in order behind them in the team auditorium.

The 2020 Clemson seniors reached the front of the room having watched each of the two classes in front of them depart as the winningest senior classes in FBS history, tied with the 2018 Alabama seniors at 55 wins in four years.

The 2019 seniors were the second Clemson class and one of only three classes all-time to reach 55 career wins in a four-year span. Clemson's 2019 group reached 55 wins in 58 games, tying the 2018 Alabama seniors as the quickest to that mark.

MOST WINS BY SENIOR CLASSES

Rk	School	Years	W-L
1.	**Clemson**	**2016-19**	**55-4**
	Clemson	**2015-18**	**55-4**
	Alabama	2015-18	55-4
4.	Alabama	2014-17	53-5
5.	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**51-4**
	Alabama	2013-16	51-6
	Alabama	2016-19	51-5
8.	**Clemson**	**2014-17**	**50-7**
	Alabama	2012-15	50-6
	Ohio State	2012-15	50-4
	Boise State	2008-11	50-3

The 2020 Clemson seniors are 51-4 since 2017, two more wins than any other current senior class in the country. With a win in the ACC Championship Game, the 2020 Clemson seniors became the fourth straight Clemson senior class (and the seventh such class in FBS history) to record 51 wins in four years.

WINS BY CURRENT SENIOR CLASSES (SINCE 2017)

Rk	School	W	L	Pct.
1.	**Clemson**	**51**	**4**	**.927**
2.	Alabama	49	4	.925
3.	Ohio State	44	4	.917
	Oklahoma	44	8	.863
5.	Notre Dame	43	7	.860
	Georgia	43	9	.827

"A"NOTHER "C"LEMSON "C"HAMPIONSHIP

With its sixth straight conference title in 2020, Clemson became the first program ever to win 20 ACC Championships. Florida State ranks second with 15.

Clemson is the first program in the conference championship game era to win six straight conference championship games. Clemson also became the first ACC program to win six consecutive outright titles. Florida State had a streak of nine straight ACC titles, but that streak included two co-championships that prevented Bobby Bowden's Seminoles from ever winning four straight titles outright.

This year, Clemson and Oklahoma's six-year streaks of outright titles made the two programs the first among current Power Five programs to win at least six straight outright titles since Oklahoma (12 from 1948-59) as part of the now-dissolved Big 8 Conference.

Including titles from its days as a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Southern Conference, Clemson has 26 conference championships overall, also the most of any current ACC school. Duke ranks second among the ACC's current membership with 18 overall conference titles, including 11 Southern Conference titles and seven ACC titles.

The Tigers won the 1900, 1902 and 1903 SIAA Conference championships under John Heisman, then the 1906 SIAA title under Bob Williams. Clemson also won the 1940 and 1948 Southern Conference titles under Frank Howard. Howard won eight total conference titles, including two in the Southern Conference and six in the ACC.

CLEMSON ACC CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS (20)

Year	Overall	ACC	Coach
1956	7-2-2	4-0-1	Frank Howard
1958	8-3-0	5-1	Frank Howard
1959	9-2	6-1	Frank Howard
1965	6-4	5-2[1]	Frank Howard
1966	6-4	6-1	Frank Howard
1967	6-4	6-0	Frank Howard
1978	11-1	6-0	Charley Pell
1981	12-0	6-0	Danny Ford

1982	9-1-1	6-0	Danny Ford
1986	8-2-2	5-1-1	Danny Ford
1987	10-2	6-1	Danny Ford
1988	10-2	6-1	Danny Ford
1991	9-2-1	6-0-1	Ken Hatfield
2011	10-4	7-2[2]	Dabo Swinney
2015	14-1	9-0[2]	Dabo Swinney
2016	14-1	8-1[2]	Dabo Swinney
2017	12-2	8-1[2]	Dabo Swinney
2018	15-0	9-0[2]	Dabo Swinney
2019	14-1	9-0[2]	Dabo Swinney
2020	10-1	9-1[2]	Dabo Swinney

[1]Co-championship, [2] includes ACC Championship Game victory

ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rk	School	Shared	Outright	Total
1.	**Clemson**	**1**	**19**	**20**
2.	Florida State	2	13	15
3.	Maryland	2	7	9
4.	NC State	2	5	7
	Duke	3	4	7
6.	North Carolina	1	4	5
7.	Virginia Tech	0	4	4
8.	Georgia Tech	1	2	3
9.	Virginia	2	0	2
	Wake Forest	0	2	2
11.	South Carolina	0	1	1

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY ACC MEMBERS

School	SIAA	SoCon	ACC	Big East	SEC	Total
Clemson	**4**	**2**	**20**			**26**
Duke		11	7			18
Florida State			15			15
Georgia Tech	5	2	1		5	13
Maryland^		2	9			11
Miami (Fla.)				9		9
North Carolina	1	3	5			9
Virginia Tech		1	4	3		8
NC State			7			7
Syracuse				5		5
Louisville				3		3
Pittsburgh				2		2
Wake Forest			2			2
Virginia			2			2
Boston College				1		1
South Carolina^			1			1

^ - former member

CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE TITLE GAME WINS

Rk	School	Conference	Streak	Years
1.	**Clemson**	**ACC**	***6**	**2015-20**
2.	Florida	SEC	4	1993-96
	Oklahoma	Big 12	*4	2017-20
	Ohio State	Big Ten	*4	2017-20
5.	Alabama	SEC	3	2014-16
	Florida State	ACC	3	2012-14
	Oklahoma	B12	3	2006-08

* - active streak; Note: Power Five Conference schools (1992-2020).

MOST CONSECUTIVE OUTRIGHT CONFERENCE TITLES (FBS HISTORY)

Rk	School	Conference	Streak	Years
1.	Oklahoma	Big 8	12	1948-59
2.	BYU	WAC	7	1978-84
3.	**Clemson**	**ACC**	***6**	**2015-20**
	Oklahoma	Big 12	*6	2015-20
5.	Alabama	SEC	5	1971-75
	Texas	SWC	5	1969-73

* - active streak

Clemson Football's six straight titles extended a program record and tied for the third-longest ACC championship streak in Clemson Athletics history.

The record is eight in a row by Clemson's men's soccer program between 1972-79. Dr. I.M. Ibrahim was the Clemson coach for all eight of those titles. Ibrahim also led Clemson to national titles in 1984 and 1987 and joins Dabo Swinney as the only Clemson coaches in any sport to win two national championships.

Chuck Kriese took the Tigers men's tennis program to seven straight titles from 1983-89. The Clemson women's tennis program won six straight between 1982-87. Mary King won the first title and Andy Johnston won the last five in that run.

MOST CONSECUTIVE ACC TITLES (CLEMSON ATHLETICS HISTORY)

Rk	Program	Streak	Years	Coach(es)
1.	Men's Soccer	8	1972-79	Dr. I.M. Ibrahim
2.	Men's Tennis	7	1983-89	Chuck Kriese
3.	**Football**	**6**	**2015-20**	**Dabo Swinney**
	Women's Tennis	6	1982-87	Mary King (1), Andy Johnston (5)
	Men's Track[1]	6	1997-02	Bob Pollock
6.	Men's Track[1]	5	1989-93	Bob Pollock
7.	Baseball	4	1978-81	Bill Wilhelm
8.	Women's Track[1]	4	2010-13	Lawrence Johnson
	Women's Track[2]	4	2010-13	Lawrence Johnson
	Men's Cross Country	4	1980-83	Sam Colson (3), Wade Williams (1)

[1] Indoor; [2] Outdoor

POWER OVER THE POWER FIVE

Early in his head coaching tenure, Dabo Swinney laid out his belief to then-Clemson athletic director Terry Don Phillips that the Tigers needed to add tough non-conference challenges on top of their tests in ACC play to serve as a foundation for the program's growth.

"I had a conversation with Terry Don and said, 'Terry Don, I know we are not very good right now, but we need to play people because that is going to help me teach and help me develop the culture and the mindset that you have to have to win at the highest level,'" recounted Swinney. "I didn't think we had that, and that's what we committed to. That's what we've done."

That scheduling philosophy and culture change has resonated in the Clemson program, and since 2013, no team can claim more wins against Power Five Conference opponents than the Tigers.

WINS VS. POWER FIVE OPPONENTS SINCE 2013

Rk	School	Wins
1.	**Clemson**	**85**
2.	Alabama	79
3.	Ohio State	76
4.	Oklahoma	71
5.	Georgia	63
6.	Stanford	57
7.	USC	56
	Oregon	56
9.	Wisconsin	54
	LSU	54

Note: includes victories against typically independent Notre Dame, which has College Football Playoff access equivalent with Power Five Conferences

On an annual basis, Clemson has finished the season atop the country in wins against Power Five opponents four times since the institution of the College Football Playoff in 2014, including four of the last five years. That includes a record 13 wins against Power Five opponents in 2018.

MOST WINS AGAINST POWER FIVE OPPONENTS BY YEAR (CFP ERA)

Year	School(s)	P5 Wins
2014	Florida State	12
2015	**Clemson**	12
2016	**Clemson**	12
2017	Georgia	11
2018	**Clemson**	13
2019	**Clemson** & LSU	12

Note: includes victories against independent Notre Dame, which has College Football Playoff access equivalent with Power Five Conferences

NO. 1 FOR NO. 1 RECRUITS

As Clemson was in the midst of the winningest decade in school history and tied for the third-winningest decade in major college football history, Head Coach Dabo Swinney would frequently point out that Clemson accomplished its goals by finding the right fits for its program in recruiting rather than chasing recruiting rankings.

Swinney often noted that Clemson accomplished its immense success in his tenure despite never signing the No. 1 recruiting class in the country. That changed in 2020, when ESPN ranked Clemson's 2020 group as the nation's top recruiting class. Clemson also recorded its highest rankings in both Rivals (No. 2) and 247 Sports (No. 3) history.

Clemson has signed the nation's consensus top player in two out of the last three recruiting cycles, welcoming quarterback Trevor Lawrence in 2018 and defensive tackle Bryan Bresee in 2020.

Clemson is the only team in the country to sign Rivals' No. 1 recruit twice in a three-year span since Dabo Swinney was named head coach at Clemson. Signing the No. 1 overall recruit again in 2021 would make Clemson the first school to sign the nation's top player in back-to-back years in accessible Rivals.com and 247 Sports data.

Clemson and Alabama (two each) are tied for the most No. 1 recruits signed since 2009 per Rivals' rankings. Clemson and Georgia (two each) are tied for the most in that span per the 247 Composite.

DESTINATION OF NO. 1 RECRUIT (SINCE 2009)

Class	Rivals No. 1	247 Composite No. 1
2009	Bryce Brown (Tennessee)	Matt Barkley (USC)
2010	Ronald Powell (Florida)	Ronald Powell (Florida)
2011	Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina)	Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina)
2012	Dorial Green-Beckham (Mizzou)	Dorial Green-Beckham (Mizzou)
2013	Robert Nkemdiche (Ole Miss)	Robert Nkemdiche (Ole Miss)
2014	Da'Shawn Hand (Alabama)	Leonard Fournette (LSU)
2015	Byron Cowart (Auburn)	Trenton Thompson (Georgia)
2016	Rashan Gary (Michigan)	Rashan Gary (Michigan)
2017	Najee Harris (Alabama)	Jaelan Phillips (UCLA)
2018	**Trevor Lawrence (Clemson)**	**Trevor Lawrence (Clemson)**
2019	Derek Stingley Jr. (LSU)	Nolan Smith (Georgia)
2020	**Bryan Bresee (Clemson)**	**Bryan Bresee (Clemson)**

NO. 1 RECRUITS SINCE 2009

School	Rivals	247 Composite
Clemson	**2**	**2**
Alabama	2	0
Georgia	0	2
Florida	1	1
LSU	1	1
Michigan	1	1
Missouri	1	1
Ole Miss	1	1
South Carolina	1	1
Auburn	1	0
Tennessee	1	0
UCLA	0	1
USC	0	1

Clemson's recruiting classes have finished in the top 15 of at least one of three primary recruiting services (ESPN, Rivals and 247 Sports) every year since 2011. Clemson is one of only seven schools to produce a Top 15 class in each of the last 10 years, a group that also includes Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, LSU, Notre Dame and Ohio State. After that group, the next longest active streak of Top 15 classes is five (Florida).

ESTEEMED COMPANY

Head Coach Dabo Swinney's run of excellence in his decade-plus at Clemson has placed him in the company of college football legends.

Swinney boasts a career winning percentage of .814, sitting as one of only 13 head coaches in history with at least 10 seasons of FBS head coaching experience to post a mark of .800 or better.

WINNINGEST COACHES BY PERCENTAGE (NCAA FBS HISTORY, MIN. 10 YEARS)

Rk	Coach	Seasons	Record	Pct.
1.	Knute Rockne Notre Dame 1918-30	13	105-12-5	.881
2.	Frank Leahy Boston College 1939-40, Notre Dame 41-43, 46-53	13	107-13-9	.864
3.	Urban Meyer Bowling Green 2001-02, Utah 03-04, Florida 05-10, Ohio St. 12-18	17	187-32-0	.854
4.	George Woodruff Penn 1892-1901, Illinois 03, Carlisle 05	12	142-25-2	.846
5.	Barry Switzer Oklahoma 1973-88	16	157-29-4	.837
6.	Tom Osborne Nebraska 1973-97	25	255-49-3	.836
7.	Fielding Yost Ohio Wesleyan 1897, Nebraska 98, Kansas 99, San Jose St. 1900, Stanford 00, Michigan 01-23, 25-26	30	198-35-12	.833
8.	Percy Haughton Cornell 1899-1900, Harvard 08-16, Columbia 23-24	13	96-17-6	.832
9.	Bob Neyland Tennessee 1926-34, 36-40, 46-52	21	173-31-12	.829
10.	Bud Wilkinson Oklahoma 1947-63	17	145-29-4	.826
11.	**Dabo Swinney Clemson 2008-20**	**13**	**140-32-0**	**.814**
12.	Jock Sutherland Lafayette 1919-23, Pittsburgh 24-38	20	144-28-14	.812
13.	Bob Devaney Wyoming 1957-61, Nebraska 62-72	16	136-30-7	.806
14.	Bob Stoops Oklahoma 1999-2016	18	190-48-0	.798
15.	Frank Thomas Chattanooga 1925-28, Alabama 31-42, 44-46	19	141-33-9	.795

Among the legends Swinney has already passed are College Football Hall of Famers Bo Schembechler (.775), Bear Bryant (.780), Henry Williams (.785), Bob Devaney (.806) and Jock Sutherland (.812).

In early November 2019, Swinney recorded his 125th win in his 155th career game. Per records available via Sports Reference, he became the 10th-fastest coach to reach 125 career wins in terms of games coached.

FEWEST GAMES NEEDED TO REACH 125 HEAD COACHING VICTORIES

Rk	Coach	Seasons	Games
1.	George Woodruff	11	142
2.	Urban Meyer	12	148
	Bob Neyland	15	148
4.	Chris Petersen	12	151
5.	Joe Paterno	14	153
	Fielding Yost	19	153
	Barry Switzer	13	153
	Bud Wilkinson	15	153
9.	Henry Williams	19	154
10.	**Dabo Swinney**	**12**	**155**

Note: Major college football victories; data via Sports Reference

TOP ACTIVE WINNING PERCENTAGE

Head Coach Dabo Swinney leads the NCAA's list of winningest active head coaches by percentage with a minimum of five years of experience.

WINNING PCT. BY ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACHES (MIN. 5 YEARS)

Rk	Coach, School	Yrs	Record	Pct.
1.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson**	**13**	**140-32-0**	**.814**
2.	^Nick Saban, Alabama	25	254-65-1	.795
3.	Lance Leipold, Buffalo	14	145-39-0	.788
4.	Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M	11	108-33-0	.766
5.	Bryan Harsin, Auburn	8	76-24-0	.760
6.	^Brian Kelly, Notre Dame	31	252-94-2	.727
7.	David Shaw, Stanford	10	89-36-0	.712
8.	Tom Herman, Texas	6	53-22-0	.707
9.	Gary Patterson, TCU	21	178-74-0	.706
10.	Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	13	107-49-0	.686

Notes: Years reflect experience including 2020; coach must spend five years as an FBS head coach to qualify but records reflect results at all levels; carets indicate coaches with records adjusted after victories during their tenure were vacated by the NCAA

Despite having coached fewer seasons than all of the coaches listed ahead of him and despite having never coached at lower NCAA levels, Swinney ranks 14th among active FBS head coaches in total wins.

CAREER WINS (ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACHES)

Rk	Coach, School	Wins
1.	Mack Brown, North Carolina	259
2.	Nick Saban, Alabama	254
3.	Brian Kelly, Notre Dame	252
4.	Willie Fritz, Tulane	183
5.	Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	180
6.	Gary Patterson, TCU	178
7.	Frank Solich, Ohio	173
8.	Chris Creighton, Eastern Michigan	169
9.	Skip Holtz, Louisiana Tech	148
10.	Les Miles, Kansas	145
10.	Lance Leipold, Buffalo	145
12.	Craig Bohl, Wyoming	142
	Mike Leach, Mississippi State	142
14.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson**	**140**
15.	Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State	136

Notes: Includes victories across all levels of college football

SIX "FINAL FOURS" FOR SWINNEY

While the term "Final Four" may still be the linguistic property of the men's basketball tournament, since the advent of the four-team College Football Playoff in 2014, Head Coach Dabo Swinney has had Clemson among the sport's final four teams in each of the last six seasons, becoming the first coach to lead a team to six consecutive College Football Playoffs since the format's institution in 2014.

The men's college basketball tournament dates to 1939. In the history of that tournament, only John Wooden of UCLA (nine from 1967-75) and Mike Krzyzewski of Duke (five from 1988-92) coached teams to at least five consecutive Final Fours. With his sixth "Final Four" appearance in 2020, Swinney joined basketball's Wooden as the only college football or men's basketball coaches to take teams to six consecutive Final Fours in their respective sports.

During Wooden's streak of nine straight Final Fours, he recorded eight championships and a semifinal loss. Coach K's Blue Devils had two championships, a second-place finish and two semifinal losses in their run. Nick Saban's Final Four history includes two championships, two runner-up finishes and a semifinal loss, while Swinney so far has two championships, two runner-up finishes and a semifinal loss.

Swinney is 6-3 in College Football Playoff games and that .667 percentage is tied for the best among football coaches who have been in at least three games. When compared to basketball coaches who have been in the Final Four, only three have a better winning percentage than Swinney with a minimum of eight games coached: John Wooden (21-3, .875), Adolph Rupp (9-2, .818) and Bob Knight (7-2, .778).

"FINAL FOUR" COACHING RECORDS (MIN. 8 GAMES COACHED)

Rk	Coach, School (Sport)	Record*	Pct.
1.	John Wooden, UCLA (Basketball)	21-3	.875
2.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky (Basketball)	9-2	.818
3.	Bob Knight, Indiana (Basketball)	7-2	.778
4.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson (Football)**	**6-3**	**.667**
	Nick Saban, Alabama (Football)	6-3	.667
	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke (Basketball)	14-7	.667

* - Men's Basketball Final Four or College Football Playoff games

STAFF CONTINUITY

Clemson has become a beacon of stability in the increasingly unstable environment of college football. Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is in his 18th overall season at Clemson in 2020, including his 12th full season as head coach (and his 13th including an interim stint in 2008).

From the start of Swinney's first season as full-time head coach in 2009 through 2019, there had been 392 head coaching tenures in the FBS, but only one such tenure at Clemson. Clemson and Duke are the only schools in the ACC with only one head coach since the start of the 2009 season, and among the 11 schools ever to qualify for the College Football Playoff, only Clemson and Alabama have had only one head coach since 2009.

HEAD COACHES SINCE 2009 (CURRENT ACC PROGRAMS)

Rk	School	No.	Coach(es)
1.	**Clemson**	**1**	**Swinney**
	Duke	1	Cutcliffe
3.	Georgia Tech	2	Johnson, Collins
	North Carolina St.	2	O'Brien, Doeren
	Virginia Tech	2	Beamer, Fuente
	Wake Forest	2	Grobe, Clawson
7.	Boston College	3	Spaziani, Addazio, Hafley
	Syracuse	3	Shafer, Marrone, Babers
	Virginia	3	Groh, London, Mendenhall
10.	Florida St.	4	Bowden, Fisher, Taggart, Norvell
	Louisville	4	Kragthorpe, Strong, Petrino, Satterfield
	Miami	4	Shannon, Golden, Richt, Diaz
	North Carolina	4	Davis, Withers, Fedora, Brown
	Pittsburgh	4	Wannstedt, Graham, Chryst, Narduzzi

Note: Full-time head coaches

HEAD COACHES SINCE 2009 (ALL-TIME CFP PARTICIPANTS)

Rk	School	No.	Coach(es)
1.	**Clemson**	**1**	**Swinney**
	Alabama	1	Saban
3.	Georgia	2	Richt, Smart
	LSU	2	Miles, Orgeron
	Michigan State	2	Dantonio, Tucker
	Notre Dame	2	Weis, Kelly
	Oklahoma	2	Stoops, Riley
8.	Oregon	3	Kelly, Helfrich, Cristobal
	Washington	3	Sarkisian, Petersen, Lake
10.	Florida St.	4	Bowden, Fisher, Taggart, Norvell
	Ohio State	4	Tressel, Fickell, Meyer, Day

Clemson's continuity at head coach has helped create continuity throughout the entire coaching staff. This year's Clemson staff will be one of only six in the FBS to feature at least four coaches (head coach and/or full-time assistants) who have been with their current program for at least 10 seasons in 2020.

CLEMSON FULL-TIME COACHES

Coach	Year at Clemson
Dabo Swinney	18th
Danny Pearman*	13th
Tony Elliott*	10th
Robbie Caldwell	10th
Brent Venables	9th
Mike Reed	8th
Brandon Streeter*	7th
Todd Bates	4th
Mickey Conn*	4th
Lemanski Hall*	3rd
Tyler Grisham*	1st

Note: Years do not include time as a player or years spent in roles other than full-time coaching positions (graduate assistants, analysts, etc.). Those denoted by asterisks have additional years at Clemson beyond full-time coaching roles.

FULL-TIME COACHES WITH 10+ YEARS AT CURRENT PROGRAM

Rk	School	No.
1.	Northwestern	7
2.	Navy	6
	Iowa	6
4.	**Clemson**	**4**

Ohio	4
TCU	4

150+ GAMES COACHED

Head Coach Dabo Swinney coached his 150th game as leader of the Clemson program in the 150-year anniversary season of college football in 2019. He became just the second coach to coach 150 career games at Clemson, joining Hall of Famer Frank Howard, who coached 295 games as Clemson's head coach from 1940-69.

Entering 2020, only eight coaches had coached at least 150 games at schools presently in the Football Bowl Subdivision while achieving an .800 or better mark. Interestingly, Clemson holds a 4-0 combined all-time record against the top three coaches on the list.

WINNING PERCENTAGE OF .800+ WITH 150+ GAMES COACHED (FBS HISTORY)

Rk	Coach	Yrs	Record	Pct.
1.	Urban Meyer (BGSU, Utah, Florida, OSU)	17	187-32-0	.854
2.	Barry Switzer (Oklahoma)	16	157-29-4	.837
3.	Tom Osborne (Nebraska)	25	255-49-3	.836
4.	Fielding Yost (Michigan)	25	165-29-10	.833
5.	Bob Neyland (Tennessee)	21	173-31-12	.829
6.	Bud Wilkinson (Oklahoma)	17	145-29-4	.826
7.	**Dabo Swinney (Clemson)**	**13**	**140-32-0**	**.814**
8.	Bob Devaney (Wyoming, Nebraska)	16	136-30-7	.806

Note: Counts games coaching teams *presently* in the FBS. E.g.: List does not include George Woodruff, who went 142-25-2 at Penn, Illinois and Carlisle, two of which are not presently in the FBS.

TOP WIN PERCENTAGE IN ACC HISTORY

Head Coach Dabo Swinney is perched atop ACC history in overall winning percentage with a mark of .814 He is the only coach in ACC history with a career winning percentage of .800 or better with a minimum of three ACC seasons.

TOP OVERALL WINNING PERCENTAGE IN ACC HISTORY (MIN. 3 SEASONS)

Rk	Coach, School(s)	Record	Pct.
1.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson**	**140-32-0**	**.814**
2.	Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	83-23-0	.783
3.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	173-53-1	.764
4.	Danny Ford, Clemson	96-29-4	.760
5.	Lou Holtz, NC State	33-12-3	.719
6.	Ken Hatfield, Clemson	32-13-1	.707
7.	Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	113-47-0	.706
8.	Jim Tatum, MD & UNC	41-19-2	.677
9.	Larry Coker, Miami	25-12-0	.675
10.	Jerry Claiborne, Maryland	77-37-3	.671

Swinney also boasts an 85-17 record in ACC regular season games, a winning percentage of .833, ahead of College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden's previous conference record of .813.

TOP CONFERENCE WINNING PERCENTAGE IN ACC HISTORY (MIN. 3 SEASONS)

Rk	Coach, School(s)	Record*	Pct.
1.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson**	**85-17-0**	**.833**
2.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	117-27-0	.813
3.	Jerry Claiborne, Maryland	46-11-1	.802
4.	Bill Murray, Duke	54-15-2	.775
5.	Danny Ford, Clemson	44-14-1	.754
6.	Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	48-16-0	.750
7.	Lou Holtz, NC State	16-5-2	.739
8.	Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	69-27-0	.718
9.	Jim Tatum, Maryland & UNC	21-9-2	.688
10.	Frank Howard, Clemson	66-30-2	.684

* - regular season play (excludes ACC Championship Games)

On a non-percentage basis, Swinney entered 2020 ranked third in ACC history in career victories leading an ACC program. With his fifth victory of the season against Georgia Tech, Swinney passed Virginia's George Welsh for second all-time. He is also one bowl victory shy of tying Bobby Bowden's record for bowl wins as head coach of an ACC team.

CAREER HEAD COACHING VICTORIES (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Coach, School(s)	Wins
1.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	173
2.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson**	**140**
3.	George Welsh, Virginia	134
4.	Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	113
5.	Bill Dooley, North Carolina & Wake Forest	98
6.	Danny Ford, Clemson	96
	Frank Howard, Clemson	96
8.	Al Groh, Wake Forest & Virginia	85
9.	Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	83
10.	Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	82

Note: Only counts seasons in which the programs competed as members of the ACC

CAREER HEAD COACHING BOWL VICTORIES (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Coach, School(s)	Wins
1.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	11
2.	**Dabo Swinney, Clemson**	**10**
3.	Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	6
	Danny Ford, Clemson	6
5.	Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	5
	Ralph Friedgen, Maryland	5

ALL-TIME ACC LEADERS

Since the conference's founding in 1953, no program has won more regular season games in Atlantic Coast Conference play than Clemson. Against Virginia on Oct. 3 this year, Clemson earned its 300th official regular season victory over an ACC opponent, becoming the first program to accomplish the feat.

MOST WINS IN REGULAR SEASON ACC PLAY (ALL-TIME, PER ACC RECORDS)

Rank	School (Joined)	Wins
1.	**Clemson (1953)**	**306**
2.	North Carolina (1953)	242
3.	NC State (1953)	234
4.	Virginia (1954)	188
5.	Florida State (1992)	174
6.	Duke (1953)	161
7.	Georgia Tech (1979)	153
8.	Wake Forest (1953)	149
9.	Virginia Tech (2004)	94
10.	Miami (2004)	78
11.	Boston College (2005)	61
12.	Pitt (2013)	38
13.	Louisville (2014)	29
14.	Syracuse (2013)	20
15.	Notre Dame (2020)	9

Note: Active (and current provisional) ACC members

A FAMILIAR NO. 1

Clemson opened the season at No. 1 atop both polls, marking the program's second straight top preseason ranking. With the top selection in the AP Poll, Clemson became the sixth program since the inception of the preseason poll in 1950 ever to open consecutive preseason polls at No. 1, joining Alabama (2016-18), USC (2004-05), Oklahoma (1985-87, 1974-75, 1956-57), Ohio State (1969-70) and Notre Dame (1953-54).

Seeing Clemson at No. 1 has started to feel familiar in recent years, as 2020 is now the sixth straight year in which Clemson has appeared at No. 1 in at least one AP Poll. Dabo Swinney joined Nick Saban (13) as the only coach in AP Poll history (since 1936) to lead a team to at least one No. 1 ranking in six consecutive years. Clemson, Alabama (13 from 2008-20) and Miami (seven from 1986-92) are the only programs to appear at No. 1 in at least six consecutive years.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS REACHING NO. 1 IN AP POLL (SINCE 1936)

Rk	School	Streak	Years
1.	Alabama	13*	2008-20
2.	Miami (FL)	7	1986-92
3.	**Clemson**	**6***	**2015-20**
4.	Texas	5	1961-65
	Oklahoma	5	1954-58
	Notre Dame	5	1946-50

* - active streak

Clemson's Nov. 7 game against Notre Dame this season was its 22nd game played as the nation's No. 1 team in the AP Poll all-time, tying Army for 14th-most all-time. It was the 21st such game under Dabo Swinney, the 17th-most all-time.

MOST GAMES PLAYED AS AP NO. 1 TEAM

Rk	School	Games	Record	Pct.
1.	Alabama	109	96-13	88.1
2.	Ohio State	88	75-12-1	85.8
3.	Oklahoma	82	74-8	90.2
4.	Notre Dame	79	63-13-3	81.6
5.	USC	76	68-6-2	90.8
6.	Florida State	55	50-5	90.9
7.	Nebraska	54	46-7-1	86.1
8.	Miami (Fla.)	48	42-6	87.5
9.	Texas	40	30-7-3	78.8
10.	LSU	34	30-4	88.2
11.	Florida	32	26-6	81.3
12.	Michigan	27	22-5	81.5
13.	Michigan State	26	22-4	84.6
14.	**Clemson**	**22**	**19-3**	**86.4**
	Army	22	20-0-2	95.5
16.	Pittsburgh	17	13-4	76.5
	Tennessee	17	16-1	94.1

Records reflect results as the AP No. 1, not total games

MOST GAMES COACHING AP NO. 1 TEAM

Rk	Coach	Games	Record	Pct.
1.	Nick Saban^	85	77-8	90.6
2.	Bobby Bowden*	45	40-5	88.9
	Woody Hayes*	45	40-4-1	90.0
4.	Pete Carroll	33	31-2	93.9
	Tom Osborne*	33	27-5-1	83.3
6.	Frank Leahy*	32	29-2-1	92.2
7.	John McKay*	31	28-2-1	91.9
	Barry Switzer*	31	28-3	90.3
9.	Bear Bryant*	27	21-6	77.8
10.	Bob Stoops	26	23-3	88.5
11.	Darrell Royal*	25	20-4-1	82.0
	Bud Wilkinson*	25	23-2	92.0
13.	Red Blaik*	22	20-0-2	95.5
	Larry Coker	22	21-1	95.5
	Lou Holtz*	22	18-4	81.8
	Urban Meyer	22	21-1	95.5
17.	**Dabo Swinney^**	**21**	**18-3**	**85.7**
18.	Jim Tressel*	19	15-4	78.9
19.	Steve Spurrier*	18	14-4	77.8
20.	Ara Parseghian*	17	12-4-1	73.5

^ - active; * - College Football Hall of Famer
Records reflect results as the AP No. 1, not total games coached

A total of 22 coaches have led the AP's top-ranked team into a game at least 15 times. Sixteen of the 22 coaches on the list are College Football Hall of Famers, and a 17th (Bob Stoops) is on the ballot for 2021. Swinney holds a total of nine career victories over five coaches on the list, including two each over Stoops, Nick Saban, Urban Meyer and Steve Spurrier and one over Bobby Bowden.

CHAMPIONSHIP HERITAGE

After being named Clemson's full-time coach in December of 2008, Head Coach Dabo Swinney set about securing his first signing class in 2009.

His first class, which he tabbed the "Dandy Dozen," brought home Clemson's first ACC title since 1991 during their junior campaign in 2011. All of Clemson's signing classes under Swinney have at least one ACC

title to their credit in their four years at Clemson. Every signing class since 2012 has played for at least one national title, and every class since 2013 has won a national championship with exception of Clemson's 2019 class, which fell just shy in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game last season.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BY SIGNING CLASS (CLEMSON UNDER DABO SWINNEY)

Signing Class	ACC/National Titles in Four Years
2009	2011 ACC Champions
2010	2011 ACC Champions
2011	2011 ACC Champions
2012	2015 ACC Champions
2013	2015-16 ACC Champions
	2016 National Champions
2014	2015-17 ACC Champions
	2016 National Champions
2015	2015-18 ACC Champions
	2016 & 2018 National Champions
2016	2016-19 ACC Champions
	2016 & 2018 National Champions
2017	2017-20 ACC Champions
	2018 National Champions
2018	2018-20 ACC Champions
	2018 National Champions
2019	2019-20 ACC Champions
2020	2020 ACC Champions

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Prior to 2019, Clemson equaled or exceeded its postseason AP and USA Today rankings in comparison to its preseason rankings in eight straight seasons. That included quite an accomplishment in both 2016 and 2018, as it finished No. 1 by winning the national championship to exceed the school's No. 2 preseason ranking both times.

Clemson exceeded its USA Today coaches poll preseason ranking eight straight years from 2011-18, the longest such streak in poll history. With regard to Associated Press voting, Clemson exceeded its preseason ranking in the AP poll in seven of the last nine years. The lone exceptions came in 2013, when Clemson was picked No. 8 in the AP preseason poll and finished No. 8, and 2019, when Clemson finished second in the country after opening the season at No. 1.

CLEMSON'S PRESEASON VS. POSTSEASON POLLS

Year	AP Pre,Post	USA Pre,Post
2011	NR,22	NR,22
2012	14,11	14,9
2013	8,8	8,7
2014	16,15	16,15
2015	12,2	12,2
2016	2,1	2,1
2017	5,4	5,4
2018	2,1	2,1
2019	1,2	1,2
2020	**1, TBD**	**1, TBD**

-- STREAKING --

PLAYOFF STREAK

With six consecutive College Football Playoff appearances, Clemson's active playoff streak is as long or longer than:

- All 32 NFL teams
- 29 of 30 MLB teams
- 30 of 31 NHL teams
- 27 of 30 NBA teams

So, despite only four teams making the College Football Playoff each year, Clemson's playoff streak is as long or longer than 118 of the 123 teams in the four major professional sports.

Included below is a look at the only six teams in the four major professional leagues with active playoff streaks exceeding Clemson's six:

LONGEST ACTIVE PLAYOFF STREAKS (MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS)

Rk	Team (League)	Years	Streak
1.	Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL)	2007-20	14
2.	Houston Rockets (NBA)	2013-20	8
	Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB)	2013-20	8
4.	Portland Trail Blazers (NBA)	2014-20	7
	Toronto Raptors (NBA)	2014-20	7

POLL STREAKS

Clemson has been ranked in the top 25 of 101 consecutive AP polls dating to the 2014 season, the second-longest active streak in the nation. That includes a streak of 92 straight top-10 rankings, tied for first in the country with Alabama.

In total top-25 rankings since 2011, Clemson has appeared in 156 of a possible 163 polls (95.7 percent). That is the tied for the second-most in the nation, trailing only Alabama.

AP POLL APPEARANCES (SINCE 2011)

Rk	School	Polls	Pct.
1.	Alabama	163	100.0
2.	**Clemson**	**156**	**95.7**
	Oklahoma	156	95.7
4.	Ohio State	148	90.8
5.	LSU	140	85.9
6.	Georgia	130	79.8
7.	Wisconsin	124	76.1
8.	Notre Dame	120	73.6
9.	Oregon	117	71.8
10.	Michigan	112	68.7

ACTIVE AP POLL (TOP 25) STREAKS

Rk	School	Streak	Started
1.	Alabama	212	2008
2.	**Clemson**	**101**	**2014**
3.	Georgia	65	2017
4.	Notre Dame	61	2017
5.	Florida	44	2018
6.	Cincinnati	27	2019
7.	Texas A&M	16	2020
8.	BYU	15	2020
	Miami (Fla.)	15	2020
10.	Ohio State	13	2020

CLEMSON'S LONGEST AP TOP 25 STREAKS

Rk	Years	Streak
1.	**2014-Present**	**101**
2.	2011-14	50
	1989-92	50
4.	1986-89	41
5.	2000-01	21

ACTIVE AP POLL TOP 10 STREAKS

Rk	School	Streak	Started
1.	**Clemson**	**92**	**2015**
	Alabama	92	2015
3.	Notre Dame	16	2020
4.	Ohio State	13	2020
5.	Cincinnati	11	2020

ALL-TIME AP POLL TOP 10 STREAKS

Rk	School	Streak	Years
1.	Miami (Fla.)	137	1985-93
2.	Nebraska	96	1993-98
3.	**Clemson**	**92***	**2015-20**
	Alabama	92*	2015-20
5.	Florida	81	1992-97
6.	USC	79	2002-07
7.	Oklahoma	76	1984-88
8.	Ohio State	71	1972-76
9.	Alabama	70	2010-15
10.	Florida State	64	1994-98

* - active streak

The 2019 season represented Clemson's fifth consecutive season finishing in the AP Top 5, tied for the sixth-longest streak in AP Poll history. On an individual poll basis, Clemson's 55-poll streak in the AP Top 5 is the longest active streak in the country and tied for the second-longest in AP Poll history. Clemson's current weekly Top 5 streak is the only active one in the country to predate the 2020 season.

LONGEST STREAKS OF AP TOP 5 FINISHES

Rk	School	Streak	Years	Coach(es)
1.	Florida State	14	1987-00	B. Bowden
2.	USC	7	2002-08	P. Carroll
	Miami (Fla.)	7	1986-92	J. Johnson (3), D. Erickson (4)
	Oklahoma	7	1952-58	B. Wilkinson
5.	Oklahoma	6	1971-76	C. Fairbanks (2), B. Switzer (4)
6.	**Clemson**	**5***	**2015-19**	**D. Swinney**
	Alabama	5	2014-18	N. Saban
	Notre Dame	5	1966-70	A. Parseghian

* - active streak

ACTIVE AP POLL TOP 5 STREAKS

Rk	School	Streak	Started
1.	**Clemson**	**55**	**2017**
2.	Alabama	16	2020
3.	Notre Dame	13	2020
4.	Ohio State	10	2020
5.	Texas A&M	7	2020

ALL-TIME AP POLL TOP 5 STREAKS

Rk	School	Streak	Years
1.	Alabama	68	2015-19
2.	**Clemson**	**55***	**2017-20**
	Miami (Fla.)	55	2000-03
4.	Alabama	48	2011-13
	Ohio State	48	1973-76
	Oklahoma	48	1953-57
7.	Miami (Fla.)	46	1990-93
8.	Nebraska	45	1993-96
9.	Florida	43	1995-97
10.	USC	42	2003-05

* - active streak

Prior to dropping following its loss to Notre Dame, Clemson was ranked No. 1 in nine consecutive polls, its longest streak at No. 1 in school history. Clemson has been No. 1 in 25 polls all-time, 15th-most of any program behind No. 14 Army (27).

CLEMSON'S LONGEST STREAKS AS AP NO. 1

Rk	Year(s)	Streak
1.	**2020**	**9**
2.	2018-19	6
3.	2015	5
4.	2017	2
	1981	2
6.	2016	1

WHEN IN DOUBT, CLEMSON RESPONDS

After opening the season as the preseason No. 1, Clemson held firm as the nation's No. 1 team in the AP Poll until Nov. 8, when the Tigers dropped to No. 4 following a double-overtime loss at Notre Dame. In Head Coach Dabo Swinney's tenure, the Tigers have routinely responded well following dips in the AP rankings.

Under Swinney, Clemson is 25-4 in games in which it enters ranked lower in the AP Poll than it did in its previous contest. This includes the 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018 season openers in which Clemson opened the season lower than its ranking from the final game of the previous campaign. Including a win against Pitt following a rankings drop after its previous contest at Notre Dame, Clemson has won its last 17 games when entering ranked lower in the AP Poll than in its previous game.

Clemson is 26-6 in games following a loss under Swinney, including season openers following a loss in the previous season finale. Entering the 2020 bowl season, Clemson has played 126 games since losing back-to-back games, the longest active streak in the nation and the longest in ACC history, per ESPN. Clemson's last time losing back-to-back games came in 2011.

STREAKS OF EXCELLENCE

Included below are a number of additional historically profound streaks presently being produced by Clemson:

- Has won 82 of its last 88 games overall dating to 2014.
- Has won 52 of its last 55 games against ACC teams.
- Has won 87 of its last 89 games, including each of its last 50, when leading at halftime.
- Is 109-2 since 2011 when leading after three quarters.
- Is 58-1 when scoring first since 2015.
- Has a 108-2 record when totaling more first downs than its opponent since 2011.
- Has a 64-3 record when winning the turnover margin since 2011.
- Is 68-1 when rushing for 200+ yards under Dabo Swinney.
- Is 53-0 when both passing and rushing for 200+ yards under Dabo Swinney.
- Is 52-2 since 2015 when outscoring opponents in the "Middle Eight," defined as the final four minutes of the first half and the first four minutes of the second half.
- Is 52-2 when having a 100-yard rusher since 2011.
- Has won 28 of its last 30 games away from home against ACC teams.
- Has won 27 of its last 29 road games.
- Has won 43 of its last 48 games away from home.
- Has won 49 of its last 50 games at home, including a school-record 28 in a row.
- Has won 37 of its last 38 games against ACC Atlantic Division teams, including games against typical Atlantic division foes in a division-free season in 2020.
- Has won 24 games in a row in September.
- Has won 27 of its last 28 games in October.
- Has won 15 of its last 16 games in November.
- Has won 14 games in a row in December.
- Has won 74 of its last 76 consecutive games played on Saturdays, including a 50-game streak that surpassed the 1953-57 Oklahoma Sooners (45) for the longest streak in the FBS in the AP Poll era (since 1936).
- Has won 24 of its last 28 games against top-25 teams since the start of the 2015 season. That includes a 23-4 mark against AP Top 25 teams, the highest winning percentage in ranked games in the country.
- Entered 2020 having won 48 of its last 51 games against teams that ended their season in a bowl game (including 2018 Boston College, whose bowl game was cancelled as the result of inclement weather).
- Has won 89 straight games when holding teams under 23 points (dates to 2010).
- Has won 27 of its last 32 one-possession games since 2011, the highest winning percentage in the country in one-score games in that span.

ACC WINNING STREAKS

Prior to a loss to single-year ACC member Notre Dame, Clemson had won 28 consecutive games against ACC opponents, tied for the second-longest such streak in conference history. Clemson accounts for three of the eight longest winning streaks in conference play in ACC history.

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS VS. ACC OPPONENTS ALL-TIME

Rk	School	Years	Streak	Spoiler
1.	Florida State	1992-95	29	Virginia
2.	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**28**	**Notre Dame**
	Florida State	2012-15	28	Georgia Tech
4.	Florida State	1998-2001	24	North Carolina
5.	Maryland	1973-77	21	NC State
6.	**Clemson**	**1981-84**	**20**	**Georgia Tech**
7.	Florida State	1995-98	18	NC State
8.	**Clemson**	**2015-16**	**15**	**Pitt**
	North Carolina	1970-73	15	Maryland

Clemson has won 52 of its last 55 games vs. ACC opponents, a time frame that features ACC Championship Game wins against North Carolina (2015), Virginia Tech (2016), Miami (2017), Pitt (2018), Virginia (2019) and Notre Dame (2020).

Clemson has won its most recent game against every ACC team and owns a streak of at least two wins against every permanent member.

ACTIVE WINNING STREAKS VS. ACC TEAMS

Opponent	CU Win Streak	Last Clemson Loss in Series
Wake Forest	12	2008 at Wake Forest
Boston College	10	2010 at Boston College
NC State	8	2011 at NC State
Georgia Tech	6	2014 at Georgia Tech
Louisville	6	Has never beaten Clemson
Virginia Tech	6	2007 at Clemson
Duke	5	2004 at Duke
Florida State	5	2014 at Florida State
Virginia	5	2004 at Virginia
North Carolina	4	2010 at North Carolina
Miami (Fla.)	3	2010 at Clemson
Syracuse	3	2017 at Syracuse
Pittsburgh	2	2016 at Clemson

Notes: Clemson also won its last four games against Maryland prior to the Terrapins' exit from the ACC; the Terps' last win over Clemson came in 2009 at Maryland. Clemson also won its most recent meeting against provisional 2020 member Notre Dame.

REGULAR SEASON WINNING STREAK

Clemson's defeat by Notre Dame concluded a 36-game regular season winning streak, the longest streak by an ACC team in history.

LONGEST REGULAR SEASON WINNING STREAK (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**36**
2.	Florida State	2013-15	30
3.	Florida State	1998-2000	26
4.	Clemson	2014-16	23

Note: includes all regular season games (conference and non-conference)

The streak concluded tied for the fourth-longest in the AP Poll era.

LONGEST REGULAR SEASON WINNING STREAK (FBS SINCE 1936)

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	Oklahoma	1953-57	45
2.	Miami (Fla.)	2000-03	39
3.	Nebraska	1992-96	37
4.	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**36**
	Miami (Fla.)	1985-88	36
6.	Boise State	2008-10	35

Note: includes all regular season games (conference and non-conference)

Including conference championships, Clemson won 39 consecutive non-bowl games before the loss at Notre Dame, tied for the second-longest streak in the AP Poll era (since 1936).

LONGEST WINNING STREAK IN NON-BOWL GAMES (FBS SINCE 2005)

Rk	School	Streak	Years
1.	Oklahoma	45	1953-57
2.	Miami (Fla.)	39	2000-03
	Clemson	**39**	**2017-Pres.**
4.	Nebraska	37	1992-96
5.	Miami (Fla.)	36	1985-88
6.	Boise State	35	2018-10

Note: includes all regular season games and conference championships; via ESPN Stats & Info

HOME SWEET HOME

Clemson finished its 2020 home slate riding a school-record 28-game winning streak in games played at Memorial Stadium.

LONGEST HOME WINNING STREAKS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

First Win	Last Win	Streak
South Carolina, 11/26/2016	**[Active]**	**28**
Georgia Tech, 11/14/2013	Syracuse, 11/5/2016	21
Auburn, 10/1/1927	Newberry, 10/17/1930	15
Troy, 9/3/2011	NC State, 11/17/2012	13
NC State, 10/21/1989	Georgia Tech, 9/28/1991	11

Clemson's 28-game home winning streak is the longest active streak in the country.

ACTIVE HOME WINNING STREAKS

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**28**
2.	Notre Dame	24
3.	Ohio State	23
4.	Cincinnati	20
5.	Memphis	15
6.	Oregon	12
7.	Liberty	11
8.	BYU	10
	Army	10
10.	Miami (Ohio)	9

Since the advent of the College Football Playoff prior to the start of the 2014 season, Clemson is 47-1 at home. Clemson's .979 winning percentage at home in that time frame is the best in the country, beating Alabama's 45-2 home record in the same span.

BEST HOME WINNING PERCENTAGE SINCE 2014 (CFP ERA)

Rk	School	Record	Win Pct.
1.	**Clemson**	**47-1**	**.979**
2.	Alabama	45-2	.957
3.	Ohio State	42-3	.933
4.	Liberty	16-2	.889
5.	Memphis	41-6	.872

ROAD WARRIORS

Clemson has won 27 of its last 29 true road games. The Tigers have also earned victories in 43 of their last 48 games away from home overall.

Clemson's school-record road winning streak concluded in 2020. The final win of Clemson's 14-game road winning streak came on Oct. 17 at Georgia Tech.

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS IN TRUE ROAD GAMES (CLEMSON HISTORY)

First Win	Last Win	Streak
NC State, 11/4/17	**Georgia Tech, 10/17/20**	**14**
Louisville, 9/17/15	Virginia Tech, 9/30/17	12
Virginia, 10/14/78	Notre Dame, 11/17/79	8
Furman, 11/8/47	The Citadel, 12/4/48	8
Boston College, 9/29/12	Virginia, 11/2/13	7
South Carolina, 10/19/39	South Carolina, 10/24/40	7

SATURDAYS ARE FOR THE TIGERS

Though the Sugar Bowl will be played on a Friday, Clemson has won 74 of its last 76 Saturday games. Clemson went 12-2 during the 2017 campaign, with its only losses coming on a Friday at Syracuse and a Monday on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl, followed by a 15-0 campaign in 2018 and a 14-1 season in 2019 in which its only loss was on a Monday in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game.

Before a loss to Notre Dame on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, you had to travel back to Nov. 12, 2016, a total of 1,456 days prior to that Notre Dame game for

Clemson's most recent loss on a Saturday. Clemson's 50-game Saturday winning streak was the longest winning streak in Saturday games in FBS history, surpassing the 45 straight Saturday tilts Oklahoma won in the midst of its FBS-record 47-game winning streak in the 1950s.

The Tigers' record streak started following a 2016 loss to Pitt that was preceded by a 21-game Saturday winning streak across the 2014-16 seasons, previously the longest such streak in program history.

CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY WINS (FBS HISTORY)

Rk	School	Years	Streak
1.	**Clemson**	**2016-20**	**50**
2.	Oklahoma	1953-57	45
3.	Alabama	2015-17	35
	Miami (Fla.)	1985-88	35
5.	Miami (Fla.)	2000-03	34
6.	Boise State	2007-11	33

Note: Via ESPN Stats & Info

CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY WINS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Years	Streak
1.	**2016-20**	**50**
2.	2014-16	21
3.	1947-49	13
4.	1980-81	12
5.	1950-51	11

-- STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT --

ALL-ACC HONORS

The ACC announced its annual All-ACC squad on Tuesday, Dec. 22, and Clemson once again helped set the pace for the conference, tying Notre Dame for the conference lead with 12 total selections across the first, second and third teams. Clemson led the way with six first-team nods.

ALL-ACC SELECTIONS (2020)

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**12**
	Notre Dame	12
3.	Boston College	7
	North Carolina	7
	Pitt	7
	Miami	7

FIRST-TEAM ALL-ACC SELECTIONS (2020)

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**6**
2.	Notre Dame	5
3.	Boston College	3
	North Carolina	3
	Pitt	3

Note: Travis Etienne earned two selections (RB & All-Purpose)

Clemson had five players produce a total of six first-team selections, including quarterback Trevor Lawrence, wide receiver Amari Rodgers, defensive lineman Bryan Bresee, cornerback Derion Kendrick, and Travis Etienne, who was named first-team as both a running back and as an all-purpose selection.

Clemson added an additional five second-team selections, including tackle Jackson Carman, guard Matt Bockhorst, linebacker James Skalski, cornerback Andrew Booth Jr. and safety Nolan Turner. Wide receiver Cornell Powell also secured a third-team selection.

Clemson has now had at least 12 All-ACC selections in each of the last six seasons.

In addition, Lawrence was named the 2020 ACC Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year, and defensive lineman Bryan Bresee was selected as the 2020 ACC Defensive Player of the Year.

Lawrence's selection as Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year snapped a two-year streak for both awards held by his teammate Travis Etienne. With Lawrence's 2020 selection joining Etienne's awards in 2018 and 2019, Clemson became the first school since the conference's inception in 1953 to produce three consecutive ACC Player of the Year selections.

Bresee became only the second Clemson player to earn ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors since the honor was first awarded in 2007, joining fellow defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence's selection in 2016. Clemson joined Florida State, Miami and Virginia as the only schools with multiple ACC Defensive Rookies of the Year in the honor's 14-year history.

ESTABLISHED FIREPOWER

In the past two seasons, the 2018 and 2019 Clemson squads became two of only 21 teams since 2010 to produce a 3,000-yard passer, 1,500-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver. By virtue of Trevor Lawrence, Travis Etienne and Tee Higgins each reaching their respective thresholds in 2019, Clemson became the first program this decade to produce a player in all three categories in back-to-back seasons.

Clemson was the only school to produce a 3,000/1,500/1,000-yard passing/rushing/receiving trio in 2019.

3,000-YARD PASSER, 1,500-YARD RUSHER AND 1,000-YARD RECEIVER(S) (FBS SINCE 2010)

Year	School	Passer	Rusher	Receiver
2019	**Clemson**	**T. Lawrence**	**T. Etienne**	**T. Higgins**
2018	**Clemson**	**T. Lawrence**	**T. Etienne**	**J. Ross**
2018	Memphis	B. White	D. Henderson	D. Coxie
2018	Arizona State	M. Wilkins	E. Benjamin	N. Harry
2017	USC	S. Darnold	R. Jones	D. Burnett
2016	Wyoming	J. Allen	B. Hill	T. Gentry
2016	WKU	M. White	A. Wales	N. Norris T. Taylor
2016	Tulsa	D. Evans	J. Flanders	J. Atkinson K. Lucas
2016	Northwestern	C. Thorson	J. Jackson	A. Carr
2016	Middle Tenn. St.	B. Stockstill	I. Mathers	R. James
2016	Boise State	B. Rypien	J. McNichols	T. Sperbeck C. Wilson
2015	Alabama	J. Coker	D. Henry	C. Ridley
2014	Western Mich.	Z. Terrell	J. Franklin	C. Davis
2014	Michigan St.	C. Cook	J. Langford	T. Lippett
2014	Marshall	R. Cato	D. Johnson	T. Shuler
2012	Northern Ill.	J. Lynch	J. Lynch	M. Moore
2012	Arizona	M. Scott	K. Carey	A. Hill
2011	Fresno State	D. Carr	R. Rouse	J. Saunders
2011	Baylor	R. Griffin III	T. Ganaway	K. Wright
2010	San Diego St.	R. Lindley	R. Hillman	V. Brown D. Sampson
2010	Oklahoma St.	B. Weeden	K. Hunter	J. Blackmon

-- NO. 9 RB TRAVIS ETIENNE --

FBS' ACTIVE LEADING RUSHER

Travis Etienne entered bowl season as the nation's active leader in career rushing yards, career rushing touchdowns and career total touchdowns.

ACTIVE FBS CAREER LEADERS (RUSHING YARDS)

Rk	Player	School	Att.	Yards
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**676**	**4,920**
2.	Spencer Brown	UAB	858	4,011
3.	Jaret Patterson	Buffalo	636	3,884
4.	Larry Rountree	Missouri	746	3,720
5.	Najee Harris	Alabama	601	3,639

ACTIVE FBS CAREER LEADERS (RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS)

Rk	Player	School	Att.	TD
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**676**	**69**
2.	Jaret Patterson	Buffalo	636	52
3.	Najee Harris	Alabama	601	44
4.	Spencer Brown	UAB	858	41
5.	Elijah Mitchell	Louisiana	507	40
	Larry Rountree	Missouri	746	40

ACTIVE FBS CAREER LEADERS (TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS)

Rk	Player	School	Games	TD
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**54**	**77**
2.	Najee Harris	Alabama	53	54
3.	Jaret Patterson	Buffalo	33	53
4.	Elijah Mitchell	Louisiana	42	45
5.	Ronnie Rivers	Fresno St.	42	44

SECURING FBS IMMORTALITY

Etienne has scored at least one touchdown rushing or receiving in 45 of his 54 career games.

Entering the season, the NCAA FBS Record Book listed Florida's Tim Tebow (38 games from 2006-09) and Louisiana Tech's Kenneth Dixon (38 from 2012-15) as the record-holders for most career games scoring a touchdown.

Etienne was believed to have broken that record by scoring in a 39th career game against Miami. However, after additional research by ESPN, the NCAA updated its record book to reflect the 41 games in which San Diego State's Donnel Pumphrey scored a touchdown from 2013-16, so Etienne officially claimed the record by scoring against Boston College on Oct. 31.

MOST CAREER GAMES SCORING A TOUCHDOWN (FBS HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Seasons	School	Games
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2017-20**	**Clemson**	**45**
2.	Donnel Pumphrey	2013-16	San Diego State	41
3.	Tim Tebow	2006-09	Florida	38
	Kenneth Dixon	2012-15	Louisiana Tech	38

ACC RUSHING KING

"Think about the great backs that have come through Clemson and come through the ACC since the 1970s, and none of them did what this young man did. I'm so proud to congratulate Travis Etienne, the ACC's *all-time* leading rusher."

Those were Head Coach Dabo Swinney's postgame sentiments to a roar of approval in the locker room following Clemson's Oct. 31 win against Boston College. In that game, a 15-yard pitch to Etienne changed the record books, as the senior from Jennings, La. became the ACC's all-time leading rusher, breaking the mark of NC State's Ted Brown held since 1978.

CAREER RUSHING YARDS (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Player	School	Years	Yards
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**4,920**
2.	Ted Brown	NC State	1975-78	4,602
3.	Dalvin Cook	Florida State	2014-16	4,464
4.	Amos Lawrence	North Carolina	1977-78	4,391
5.	AJ Dillon	Boston College	2017-19	4,328

Presently, Etienne also ranks in the Top 10 in yards per carry according to conference thresholds in which players qualify by reaching 1,000 career rushing yards. Etienne's average is the best in conference history by any player with at least 250 career carries.

CAREER YARDS PER CARRY (ACC HISTORY, MIN. 1,000 RUSHING YARDS)

Rk	Player	Years	Att.	Yards	Avg.
1.	Orwin Smith, GT	2009-12	198	1,839	9.29
2.	Robert Godhigh, GT	2010-13	135	1,191	8.82
3.	Clinton Lynch, GT	2015-18	155	1,296	8.36
4.	Rock Preston, FSU	1994-96	179	1,412	7.89
5.	Roddy Jones, GT	2008-11	243	1,846	7.60
6.	Embry Peeples, GT	2008-11	138	1,035	7.50
7.	**Travis Etienne, CU**	**2017-20**	**676**	**4,920**	**7.28**
8.	Ed Sutton, UNC	1954-56	193	1,334	6.91

RECORD WATCH: TRAVIS ETIENNE

-- FBS RECORDS --

CAREER TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS (FBS SINCE 1956)

Rk.	Player	School	TD
1.	Keenan Reynolds	Navy	88
2.	Kenneth Dixon	Louisiana Tech	87
3.	Montee Ball	Wisconsin	83
4.	Travis Prentice	Miami (Ohio)	78
5.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**77**
6.	Ricky Williams	Texas	75
7.	Ron Dayne	Wisconsin	71
8.	Taurean Henderson	Texas Tech	69
9.	Brock Forsey	Boise State	68
	Anthony Thompson	Indiana	68

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (FBS HISTORY)

Rk.	Player	School	TD
1.	Keenan Reynolds	Navy	88
2.	Montee Ball	Wisconsin	77
3.	Travis Prentice	Miami (Ohio)	73
4.	Ricky Williams	Texas	72
	Kenneth Dixon	Louisiana Tech	72
6.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**69**
7.	Devin Singletary	Fla. Atlantic	66
8.	Anthony Thompson	Indiana	64
	Cedric Benson	Texas	64
10.	Ron Dayne	Wisconsin	63

* According to official NCAA records that did not count post-season statistics until 2002.

CAREER SCORING (FBS HISTORY)

Rk	Player	School	Years	Pts.
1.	Keenan Reynolds	Navy	2012-15	530
2.	Kenneth Dixon	Louisiana Tech	2012-15	522
3.	Montee Ball	Wisconsin	2009-12	500
4.	Austin Seibert*	Oklahoma	2015-18	499
5.	Zane Gonzalez*	Arizona State	2013-16	494
6.	Daniel Carlson*	Auburn	2014-17	480
7.	Travis Prentice	Miami (Ohio)	1996-99	468
8.	Dustin Hopkins*	Florida State	2009-12	466
9.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**462**
	Jonathan Barnes*	Louisiana Tech	2014-17	462
11.	Ricky Williams	Texas	1995-98	452
12.	Aaron Jones*	Baylor	2010-13	451
	Jaden Oberkrom*	TCU	2012-15	451
14.	Mike Hunnicutt*	Oklahoma	2011-14	450
15.	Jameson Vest*	Toledo	2015-18	446

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-- ACC RECORDS --

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

Rk	Player	School	Years	Yards
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**4,920**
2.	Ted Brown	NC State	1975-78	4,602
3.	Dalvin Cook	Florida State	2014-16	4,464
4.	Amos Lawrence	North Carolina	1977-78	4,391
5.	AJ Dillon	Boston College	2017-19	4,328

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

Rk	Player	School	Years	TD
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**69**
2.	James Conner	Pitt	2013-14,16	52
3.	Lamar Jackson	Louisville	2015-17	50
4.	Ted Brown	NC State	1975-78	49
5.	James Davis	Clemson	2005-08	47

SCORING (CAREER)

Rk	Player	School	Years	Pts.
1.	Dustin Hopkins	Florida State	2009-12	466
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**462**
3.	Ross Martin	Duke	2012-15	430
4.	Roberto Aguayo	Florida State	2013-15	405
5.	Chandler Catanzaro	Clemson	2010-13	404
9.	Warrick Dunn, FSU	1993-96	575	3,959	6.89
10.	**Lyn-J Dixon, CU**	**2018-20**	**206**	**1,352**	**6.56**

CAREER TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Seasons	School	TD
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2017-20**	**Clemson**	**77**
2.	James Conner	2013-16	Pitt	56
3.	Wali Lundy	2002-05	Virginia	52
4.	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	Clemson	51
	Ted Brown	1975-78	NC State	51

Etienne's added presence in the passing game and the return game has helped shoot him into the Top 2 in ACC history in career all-purpose yardage and stand as the nation's active leader in that category.

CAREER ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Seasons	School	Yards
1.	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	Clemson	7,588
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**2017-20**	**Clemson**	**6,757**
3.	Leon Johnson	1993-96	North Carolina	5,828
4.	Chris Douglas	2000-03	Duke	5,748
5.	Jamison Crowder	2000-03	Duke	5,575

CAREER ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (ACTIVE FBS LEADERS)

Rk	Player	School	Yards
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**6,757**
2.	Shane Simpson	Virginia	5,351
3.	Michael Carter	North Carolina	4,709
4.	Larry Rountree	Missouri	4,547
5.	Chuba Hubbard	Oklahoma St.	4,490

ETIENNE VS. THE NATION

Since becoming Clemson's starting running back entering the 2018 season, Etienne has accrued 4,154 rushing yards and a national-best 56 rushing touchdowns. In that time frame, Etienne has single-handedly outrushed 15 FBS programs, including six Power Five schools.

FBS PROGRAMS OUTRUSHED BY TRAVIS ETIENNE SINCE 2018

School	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Travis Etienne since 2018	***569***	***4154***	***7.3***	***56***
Miami (Ohio)	1068	4152	3.9	48
West Virginia	1089	4121	3.8	44
Rice	1137	4023	3.5	30
Connecticut	925	3942	4.3	29
Michigan State	1167	3924	3.4	28
USC	968	3734	3.9	43
Stanford	927	3472	3.7	39
Massachusetts	955	3441	3.6	36
Colorado State	942	3352	3.6	32
Purdue	891	3264	3.7	33
New Mexico State	740	2994	4.0	30
San Jose State	867	2821	3.3	35
Old Dominion	854	2752	3.2	40
Akron	927	2604	2.8	14
Washington State	598	2428	4.1	44

SEASONS WITH 7.0+ PER CARRY

Through his first three seasons, Etienne earned the distinction as the only FBS running back to average at least 7.0 yards per carry on at least 100 carries in three different seasons since 2000. The only other FBS player to accomplish the feat since the turn of the century was Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who did so from 2008-10.

This season, Etienne will attempt to become the first FBS player since 2000 to reach that average in four different seasons. He opened his career with a 7.2-yard average on 107 carries in 2017, a career-best 8.1-yard average on 204 carries in 2018 and an ACC-leading 7.8-yard average on 207 carries in 2019.

MULTIPLE SEASONS AVERAGING 7.0+ YARDS PER CARRY (FBS SINCE 2000)

Rk	Player (School)	Qualifying Seasons	No.
1.	**Travis Etienne (Clemson)**	**2017-19**	**3**
	Colin Kaepernick (Nevada)	2008-10	3
3.	Matt Brieda (Georgia Southern)	2014-15	2
	Tevin Coleman (Indiana)	2013-14	2
	Melvin Gordon (Wisconsin)	2013-14	2
	Damien Harris (Alabama)	2016-17	2
	Darrell Henderson (Memphis)	2017-18	2
	Felix Jones (Arkansas)	2006-07	2
	Bryce Love (Stanford)	2016-17	2
	Elijah McGuire (Louisiana)	2013-14	2
	Rashaad Penny (San Diego State)	2016-17	2
	Lache Seastrunk (Baylor)	2012-13	2

* Minimum 100 rushing attempts per season

GAMES WITH 10.0+ PER CARRY

Etienne's explosive 2019 season opener resulted in an average of 17.1 yards per carry against Georgia Tech, which at the time was the second-best single-game average of his career (19.1 vs. Louisville in 2018). Against Louisville in mid-October, he ripped off 192 yards on 14 carries for a 13.7-yard average, and in early November, he posted a career-best 23.6-yard average on nine carries for 212 yards against Wofford.

With 124 yards on 10 carries in the ACC Championship Game, Etienne recorded his 13th career game averaging double-digit yards per carry on at least five attempts, two more than Colin Kaepernick's 11 for the most by any FBS player since 2000.

GAMES WITH 10.0+ YARDS PER CARRY SINCE 2000 (MIN. 5 ATT.)

Rk	Player	Seasons	School	Games
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2017-20**	**Clemson**	**13**
2.	Colin Kaepernick	2007-10	Nevada	11
3.	Melvin Gordon	2012-14	Wisconsin	10
	Ty Johnson	2016-18	Maryland	10
5.	Matt Breida	2014-15	Georgia Southern	9
	Felix Jones	2005-07	Arkansas	9
	Matt Jones	2001-04	Arkansas	9
8.	LeVante Bellamy	2015-19	Western Michigan	8
	Reggie Bush	2003-05	USC	8
	Jeff Demps	2008-11	Florida	8
	Noel Devine	2007-09	West Virginia	8
	Darrell Henderson	2017-18	Memphis	8
	Taylor Lamb	2014-17	Appalachian St.	8
	Elijah McGuire	2013-15	Louisiana	8
	Jhurell Pressley	2014-15	New Mexico	8
	Vince Young	2003-05	Texas	8

200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Etienne recorded a then-career-high 205 yards in Clemson's 2019 season opener against Georgia Tech, the 17th 200-yard rushing game in Clemson history. It was Etienne's second career 200-yard day, tying him with Ray Yauger, Terrence Flagler, Raymond Priester and Andre Ellington for the most in school history.

Etienne then went on a record-grabbing spree in November 2019 against Wofford. He posted a career-high 212 yards on only nine carries, becoming the first Clemson player to post three career 200-yard games and joining Terrence Flagler as the only players with multiple 200-yard games in a single season. Etienne set those marks in the same contest in which he rushed for his 48th career touchdown to break James Davis' career record at Clemson.

Etienne's 12 carries against Georgia Tech had been the fewest by any Clemson player in the midst of a 200-yard performance. He undercut that mark with his nine-carry performance against Wofford, becoming only the third FBS player since 2000 to rush for 200 yards on single-digit carries.

RECORD WATCH: TRAVIS ETIENNE

200-YARD RUSHING GAMES (CLEMSON HISTORY, CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

Date	Player	Opponent	Site	Att.	Yds
9/20/52	Buck George	Presbyterian	H	15	204
11/8/52	Don King	Fordham	A	33	234
11/16/68	Ray Yauger	North Carolina	H	35	201
10/18/69	Ray Yauger	Wake Forest	H	36	202
10/16/82	Cliff Austin	Duke	H	27	260
10/11/86	Terrence Flagler	Virginia	A	30	210
11/1/86	Terrence Flagler	Wake Forest	A	22	209
9/12/87	Wesley McFadden	Virginia Tech	A	32	226
11/11/95	Raymond Priester	Duke	H	32	263
10/25/97	Raymond Priester	Maryland	A	36	204
9/23/00	Woodrow Dantzler	Virginia	A	18	220
10/21/06	James Davis	Georgia Tech	H	21	216
12/5/09	C.J. Spiller	Georgia Tech	N	20	233
10/15/11	Andre Ellington	Maryland	A	24	212
9/1/12	Andre Ellington	Auburn	N	25	228
9/29/18	**Travis Etienne**	**Syracuse**	**H**	**27**	**203**
8/29/19	**Travis Etienne**	**Georgia Tech**	**H**	**12**	**205**
11/2/19	**Travis Etienne**	**Wofford**	**H**	**9**	**212**

CAREER 200-YARD RUSHING GAMES (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season(s)*	Games
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2018-19**	**3**
2.	Andre Ellington	2011-12	2
	Raymond Priester	1995-97	2
	Terrence Flagler	1986	2
	Ray Yauger	1968-69	2
6.	Seven players tied		1

* Seasons listed only include years in which the players produced a 200-yard rushing game

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

With 20 career 100-yard rushing performances, Etienne has broken Wayne Gallman's school career record of 17 from 2014-16.

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season(s)	Games
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2017-20**	**20**
2.	Wayne Gallman	2014-16	17
3.	Raymond Preister	1994-97	15
4.	James Davis	2005-08	14
5.	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	12
	Andre Ellington	2009-12	12

With eight 100-yard games in each of the last two seasons, Etienne twice finished one 100-yard game shy of Gallman for the most in a season in school history.

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES IN A SINGLE SEASON (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season	Games
1.	Wayne Gallman	2015	9
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**2019**	**8**
	Travis Etienne	**2018**	**8**
4.	Raymond Priester	1996	7
	Kenny Flowers	1985	7

Etienne set the Clemson record for consecutive 100-yard rushing games in 2019 with six straight, breaking the previous mark of five set by Kenny Flowers in 1985 and by Raymond Priester in 1996-97. That six-game streak is tied for the eighth-longest in ACC history.

CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season(s)	School	Games
1.	Tashard Choice	2006-07	Georgia Tech	9
2.	Don McCauley	1969-70	North Carolina	8
	Tiki Barber	1996	Virginia	8
	Ted Brown	1977-78	NC State	8
5.	Steve Atkins	1978	Maryland	7
	David Wilson	2011	Virginia Tech	7
	Lamar Jackson	2017	Louisville	7
8.	**Travis Etienne**	**2019**	**Clemson**	**6**
	Montel Harris	2009-10	Boston College	6
	Montel Harris	2010	Boston College	6
	Warrick Dunn	1995	Florida State	6
	Kelvin Bryant	1980-81	North Carolina	6
	Duke Johnson	2014	Miami (Fla.)	6

HISTORY OF EXPLOSIVENESS

Ten of Etienne's 69 career rushing touchdowns have covered at least 50 yards. His 10 rushing touchdowns of 50-plus yards are the most by a Clemson player in records back to 1950, and his 11 total touchdowns covering that length (including a 53-yard touchdown reception in the Fiesta Bowl) are the second-most in that time frame.

CAREER TOUCHDOWNS OF 50-PLUS YARDS (CLEMSON SINCE 1950)

Rk	Year	Rush	Rec.	KOR	PR	Total
1.	C.J. Spiller	6	7	7	1	21
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**10**	**1**	**-**	**-**	**11**
3.	Sammy Watkins	1	8	1	-	10
4.	Andre Ellington	6	1	1	-	8
	Jacoby Ford	-	5	1	2	8

Etienne has three runs of 80 or more yards in his career, surpassing the previous school record held by Derrick Witherspoon and C.J. Spiller (two each).

YARDS AFTER CONTACT

Etienne's breakaway speed tends to dominate highlight reels, but to those who watch him closest including Clemson's coaches, it's his ability to power through contact and maintain his balance that stands as his most remarkable trait.

Since Etienne became Clemson's starter in 2018, Pro Football Focus credits him with 2,551 rushing yards after contact, second-most behind Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor, who averaged 36.9 carries per game in that span to Etienne's 13.9.

RUSHING YARDS AFTER CONTACT SINCE 2018

Rk	Player	School	YAC
1.	Jonathan Taylor	Wisconsin	2,586
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**2,551**
3.	Jaret Patterson	Buffalo	2,519
4.	Chuba Hubbard	Oklahoma State	2,187
5.	Najee Harris	Alabama	1,956

Source: Pro Football Focus

Etienne leads all backs since 2018 in Pro Football Focus' "missed tackles forced" metrics with 183.

MISSED TACKLES FORCED ON RUSHES SINCE 2018

Rk	Player	School	MTF
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**Clemson**	**183**
2.	Jaret Patterson	Buffalo	182
3.	Najee Harris	Alabama	158
4.	Jonathan Taylor	Wisconsin	155
5.	Eno Benjamin	Arizona State	148

Source: Pro Football Focus

TOUCHDOWN STREAKS

Etienne accounts for four of the 10 longest streaks of consecutive games with a rushing touchdown in school history. Prior to being held scoreless against The Citadel in Clemson's second game, Etienne rushed for a touchdown in 10 straight games across the 2019-20 seasons, the longest streak of consecutive games with a rushing touchdown in school history. He added another seven-game streak in 2020 prior to being held scoreless in the regular season finale at Virginia Tech.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season(s)	Games
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2019-20**	**10**
2.	Lester Brown	1978	9
	Terry Allen	1988-89^	9

James Davis	2005-06	9
5. Wayne Gallman	2016	8
6. Kenny Flowers	1985	7
Travis Etienne	**2018**	**7**
Travis Etienne	**2020**	**7**
9. Woodrow Dantzler	2000	6
Travis Etienne	**2018-19**	**6**

^ - excludes 1989 season opener in which he did not play

AIR ETIENNE

Etienne had a then-career-high 98 receiving yards on three receptions with two touchdowns in Clemson's Fiesta Bowl win in last year's College Football Playoff. The 98 receiving yards were the most by a Clemson running back since C.J. Spiller recorded 104 receiving yards at Miami in 2009 in a 40-37 overtime win. It marked the first time a Clemson running back had two receiving touchdowns in a game since 2010 when Jamie Harper scored two at Auburn.

Then against Virginia in Clemson's third game of 2020, Etienne set a Clemson receiving yardage record for a running back with 114 receiving yards on five receptions. His performance broke Spiller's Clemson running back record of 108 receiving yards, set against Duke in 2008. It was only the fourth 100-yard receiving game by a running back in Clemson history, with all three previous instances recorded by Spiller.

The record set against Virginia didn't withstand Etienne's own assault later that month. He broke the record again on Oct. 31 against Boston College, recording 140 receiving yards to join Spiller (two in 2008) as the only running backs in Clemson history with multiple 100-yard receiving games in a single season.

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES BY RUNNING BACKS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Date	Opponent	Rec-Yds.
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**10/31/20**	**Boston College**	**7-140**
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**10/3/20**	**Virginia**	**5-114**
3.	C.J. Spiller	11/15/08	Duke	7-108
4.	C.J. Spiller	11/1/08	Boston College	6-105
5.	C.J. Spiller	10/24/09	Miami (Fla.)	6-104

After finishing his first two seasons with 17 career receptions for 135 yards and two touchdowns, Etienne was much more involved in the passing game in 2019, recording 37 receptions for 432 yards and four touchdowns. At the time, his 432 receiving yards in 2019 ranked as the third-most in a season for a running back in Clemson history, trailing only the 2008 and 2009 production of Spiller, a College Football Hall of Fame nominee.

Etienne is in the midst of another career year through the air, setting the Clemson single-season record with 524 receiving yards and sitting within striking distance of the school record for receptions by a running back in a single season.

RECEIVING YARDS BY A CLEMSON RUNNING BACK (SINGLE SEASON)

Rk.	Player	Year	Rec	Yds	TD
1.	**Travis Etienne**	**2020**	**44**	**524**	**2**
2.	C.J. Spiller	2009	36	503	4
3.	C.J. Spiller	2008	34	436	3
4.	**Travis Etienne**	**2019**	**37**	**432**	**4**
5.	Travis Zachery	2001	45	414	3

RECEPTIONS BY A CLEMSON RUNNING BACK (SINGLE SEASON)

Rk.	Player	Year	Rec	Yds	TD
1.	Travis Zachery	2001	45	414	3
2.	**Travis Etienne**	**2020**	**44**	**524**	**2**
3.	**Travis Etienne**	**2019**	**37**	**432**	**4**
4.	C.J. Spiller	2009	36	503	4
5.	Jamie Harper	2010	35	328	3
6.	C.J. Spiller	2008	34	436	3
	C.J. Spiller	2007	34	271	2
	Duane Coleman	2003	34	309	3

Etienne's development in this part of his game late in his career allowed him to join elite company in college football history. Entering 2020, only 11 players in FBS history had finished their careers with at least 4,000 rushing yards and at least 1,000 receiving yards. By exceeding 1,000 career receiving yards in Clemson's Oct. 31 game against Boston College, Etienne became the 12th FBS player all-time to join the 4,000/1,000 club.

4,000 CAREER RUSHING YARDS & 1,000 CAREER RECEIVING YARDS (FBS HISTORY)

Player	School	Years	Rush	Rec.
Darrin Nelson	Stanford	1978-81	4,442	2,559
Steve Bartalo	Colorado St.	1983-86	4,813	1,079
George Swarn	Miami (OH)	1983-86	4,172	1,057
Errict Rhett	Florida	1990-93	4,163	1,230
Brock Forsey	Boise St.	1999-02	4,037	1,175
Mewelde Moore	Tulane	2000-03	4,364	2,059
Lance Dunbar	North Texas	2008-11	4,224	1,033
Donnel Pumphrey	San Diego St.	2013-16	6,405	1,041
Elijah McGuire	Louisiana	2013-16	4,312	1,383
Ito Smith	Southern Miss.	2014-17	4,536	1,446
Larry Rose III	New Mexico St.	2014-17	4,557	1,157
Travis Etienne	**Clemson**	**2017-20**	**4,920**	**1,091**

With 4,920 career rushing yards, Etienne needs only 80 more rushing yards to become only the second player in FBS history to reach 5,000 career rushing yards and 1,000 career receiving yards. His current 1,091 receiving yards would be the most by any 5,000-yard rusher in history.

Entering bowl season, Etienne has 882 rushing yards and 524 receiving yards on the year. Only six FBS players have 850 rushing yards and 200 receiving yards this season. Etienne's 524 receiving yards this season are more than 200 yards more than the next closest back (Alabama's Najee Harris, 316).

Since 2000, Etienne is one of only 12 FBS players (and one of five Power Five players) to amass at least 850 rushing yards and at least 500 receiving yards through the first 11 games of a season, the first since Penn State's Saquon Barkley in 2017.

TREAD ON THE TIRES

While some observers were surprised by Etienne's decision to return to Clemson in 2020, a projected second-round grade and a desire to complete his degree program made Etienne's call an easy one.

"I just felt like I could come back and improve that grade," Etienne said. "I don't have my degree. Coming back and going second round (in 2021), at least I'd have my degree. Leaving for the second round has never been a dream of mine. I feel like I can do so much better than that. The NFL is going to be there."

Etienne reached his academic goals on Dec. 16, graduating from Clemson University with a degree in sports communication. And with the strength of his all-around game in 2020, he has been named not only a Doak Walker Award finalist but also as one of five finalists for the Paul Hornung Award, presented to the nation's most versatile player, displaying a comprehensive skillset for NFL scouts all season.

Detractors cited the "wear and tear" of another collegiate season as reasons why Etienne would have benefited from turning pro, but the story of Etienne's career usage has been one of immense production in very measured opportunities. In his first three seasons from 2017-19, Etienne averaged only 12.0 carries per game. Even accounting for only his first two seasons as a full-time starter, he averaged only 13.7 carries per game from 2018-19.

The difference in the amount of tread left on Etienne's tires, figuratively speaking, to some of the NFL's most recent draft picks at running back is stark. All six running backs selected in the first two rounds of the 2020 NFL Draft were early entrants, and Etienne entered his senior season with fewer career carries than all but two of the six.

CAREER CARRIES: ETIENNE VS. RBs DRAFTED IN FIRST TWO ROUNDS IN 2020

Player	Team	School	Att.	Yds.
Clyde Edwards-Helaire*	KC	LSU	370	2103
D'Andre Swift*	DET	Georgia	440	2885
Jonathan Taylor*	IND	Wisconsin	926	6174
Cam Akers*	LAR	Florida State	586	2875
J.K. Dobbins*	BAL	Ohio State	725	4459
AJ Dillon*	GB	Boston College	845	4382
Travis Etienne	**-**	**Clemson**	**518^**	**4038^**

* - elected to forego eligibility to enter NFL Draft early

^ - Etienne's statistics as of the conclusion of the 2019 season

Etienne's single-season career high in carries is 207, set in 2019. Even if Etienne were to add another 207 carries in 2020 to his career total from 2017-19, despite using all four years of his eligibility, he would still enter the NFL with 201 fewer carries than Jonathan Taylor's three-year career, 120 fewer carries than AJ Dillon's three-year run and the exact same number as J.K. Dobbins' three-year tenure. Etienne enters bowl season with only 158 carries this year.

-- NO. 16 QB TREVOR LAWRENCE --

#TREVOR4HEISMAN

The Heisman Trophy Trust announced on Dec. 24 that Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence has been named a finalist for the 2020 Heisman Trophy, presented annually to the nation's most outstanding player.

Lawrence joined two-time finalist Deshaun Watson (third in balloting in 2015, second in 2016) as the only Clemson players ever to be named a finalist since the Heisman Trust began officially recognizing finalists in 1982.

Per the Heisman Trophy Trust, "The Heisman Memorial Trophy annually recognizes the outstanding college football player whose performance best exhibits the pursuit of excellence with integrity," a description that encapsulates Lawrence's prolific junior season in 2020 as well as his historic Clemson career. The finalist selection is additional recognition for a player that has served as one of the preeminent faces and voices of college football in recent years.

Within the last few weeks, Lawrence has also been named as a Maxwell Award finalist, a Davey O'Brien Award finalist and a Manning Award finalist. He earned ACC Player of the Year honors after a 322-yard passing performance for which he earned ACC Championship Game MVP in a commanding 34-10 win against No. 2 Notre Dame. He entered bowl season as the only quarterback in the nation to defeat multiple AP Top 10 teams this season.

Despite missing two games with COVID-19, Lawrence has completed 198-of-286 passes (69.2 percent) this season for 2,753 yards with 22 passing touchdowns against only four interceptions, resulting in a career-best pass efficiency rating of 172.67. Lawrence has also rushed for 211 yards on 58 carries with seven rushing touchdowns, joining Texas' Sam Ehlinger and Louisville's Malik Cunningham as one of only three Power Five quarterbacks to record at least 20 passing touchdowns and at least seven rushing touchdowns this season.

Lawrence has led the nation's fourth-ranked scoring offense (44.9 points per game) and seventh-

RECORD WATCH: TREVOR LAWRENCE

-- CLEMSON RECORDS --

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

Rk Player	Years	Att.	Co.	Yards
1. Tajh Boyd	2010-13	1402	901	11,904
2. Deshaun Watson	2014-16	1207	814	10,163
3. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**1090**	**725**	**9698**
4. Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1368	817	9665
5. Woodrow Dantzler	1998-01	796	460	6037

COMPLETIONS (CAREER)

Rk Player	Years	Att.	Co.
1. Tajh Boyd	2010-13	1402	901
2. Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1368	817
3. Deshaun Watson	2014-16	1207	814
4. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**1090**	**725**
5. Cullen Harper	2005-08	815	518

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

Rk Player	Years	Att.	TD
1. Tajh Boyd	2010-13	1402	107
2. Deshaun Watson	2014-16	1207	90
3. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**1090**	**88**
4. Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1368	49
5. Cullen Harper	2005-08	815	42

TOUCHDOWN RESPONSIBILITY (CAREER)

Rk Player	Years	Rush	Pass	*	Tot
1. Tajh Boyd	2010-13	26	107	0	133
2. Deshaun Watson	2014-16	26	90	0	116
3. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**17**	**88**	**0**	**105**
4. Travis Etienne	**2017-20**	**69**	**0**	**8**	**77**
5. Woodrow Dantzler	1998-01	27	41	0	68

* - includes receiving, punt returns, kickoff returns, interception returns and fumble returns

TOTAL OFFENSE (CAREER)

Rk Player	Years	Rush	Pass	Total
1. Tajh Boyd	2010-13	1165	11,904	13,069
2. Deshaun Watson	2014-16	1931	10,163	12,094
3. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**951**	**9698**	**10,649**
4. Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	98	9665	9763
5. Woodrow Dantzler	1998-01	2761	6037	8798
6. Nealon Greene	1994-97	1067	5719	6786
7. Steve Fuller	1975-78	1737	4359	6096
8. Cullen Harper	2005-08	-213	5762	5549
9. Rodney Williams	1985-88	863	4647	5510
10. Travis Etienne	**2017-20**	**4920**	**23**	**4943**
11. Kyle Parker	2009,10	163	4739	4902
12. Homer Jordan	1979-82	971	3643	4614
13. Kelly Bryant	2015-18	973	3338	4311
14. DeChane Cameron	1988-91	926	3300	4226
15. Raymond Priester	1994-97	3966	------	3966

ALL-AMERICAN DOUBLE?

If Trevor Lawrence and running back Travis Etienne were to both earn consensus All-American status (first-team honors from three or more of the five NCAA-recognized selectors) following the season, it would mark only the sixth such occurence in FBS history. Clemson will attempt to become only the third school to produce such a duo, joining Notre Dame (four) and Penn State (one).

FBS TEAMS TO PRODUCE A CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN QB & RB IN SAME SEASON

Year	School	Quarterback	Running Back(s)
1924	Notre Dame	Harry Stuhldreher	Jim Crowley, Elmer Layden
1930	Notre Dame	Frank Carideo	Marchmont Schwartz
1943	Notre Dame	Angelo Bertelli	Creighton MIller
1949	Notre Dame	Bob Williams	Emil Sitko
1994	Penn State	Kerry Collins	Ki-Jana Carter

ranked passing attack (343.8), both totals exceeding Clemson's output during Watson's 2016 season as the Heisman runner-up.

In addition to his on-field efforts, Lawrence had a transcendent impact off the field as well, earning a selection on this year's AFCA Good Works Team. Last March, he and his now-fiancée helped organize COVID-19 relief efforts in both Upstate South Carolina and his home community of Cartersville, Ga. Over the summer, he was one of four Clemson players who helped organize and lead the Clemson Community Peaceful Demonstration that attracted several thousand people to Clemson's campus. And in August, he and his teammates vocally ignited the #WeWantToPlay movement, mobilizing college football players around the country in support of playing the college football season safely in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clemson has had eight previous top 10 finishes in Heisman history, led by Watson's second-place finish in 2016. Lawrence finished seventh in Heisman voting a season ago and will attempt to bring home the trophy whose namesake, John Heisman, served as Clemson's coach from 1900-03.

JUST WIN, BABY

After entering his first four career games at Clemson as a reserve, Lawrence was named Clemson's starting quarterback heading into its game against Syracuse on Sept. 29, 2018. Clemson's victory in that contest was its first with Lawrence as a starter.

Lawrence would go on to guide Clemson to another 24 straight wins as the starting quarterback prior to suffering his first defeat in the College Football Playoff National Championship game to conclude the 2019 season. Per ESPN Stats & Info, Lawrence's 25-game winning streak tied for the sixth-longest by a starting quarterback in major college football history and finished one shy of being the longest such streak to open a career.

LONGEST WIN STREAKS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK (FBS HISTORY)

Rk Player	School	Streak	Years
1. Chuck Ealey	Toledo	35	1969-71
2. Matt Leinart	USC	34	2003-05
Ken Dorsey	Miami (Fla.)	34	2000-02
4. Steve Davis	Oklahoma	28	1973-75
5. Jameis Winston	Florida State	26*	2013-14
6. Trevor Lawrence	**Clemson**	**25***	**2018-19**
Chris Weinke	Florida State	25	1998-2000

* - Streak began in first career start

Lawrence is 34-1 as a starter, as his win at Georgia Tech on Oct. 17 made him the fourth quarterback in Clemson history to start in 30 career victories. With a 45-10 win at Virginia Tech in the regular season finale, he became Clemson's winningest quarterback in school history.

WINS BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk Player	Years	Wins
1. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**34**
2. Rodney Williams	1982-85	32
Tajh Boyd	2010-13	32
Deshaun Watson	2014-16	32
5. Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	25

Lawrence's 34-1 career record as a starting quarterback gives him a career winning percentage of .971, the best by any FBS starting quarterback with at least 30 starts since Division I split in 1978.

TOP WINNING PERCENTAGE BY A STARTING QUARTERBACK (SINCE 1978)

Rk Player	School	Seasons	Record (Pct.)
1. Trevor Lawrence	**Clemson**	**2018-20**	**34-1 (.971)**
2. Ken Dorsey	Miami (Fla.)	1999-2002	38-2 (.950)
3. Matt Leinart	USC	2003-05	37-2 (.949)
4. Kellen Moore	Boise State	2008-11	50-3 (.943)
5. Vince Young	Texas	2003-05	30-2 (.938)

Note: Minimum 30 starts; via ESPN Stats & Info

INTERCEPTION AVOIDANCE

While mild panic emerged from national observers about Lawrence's eight interceptions early in 2019, Lawrence finished the 2019 season with a school record for consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Across 2019-20, Lawrence went 12 straight games without throwing an interception before throwing his first interception in Clemson's fifth game of the 2020 season.

Lawrence's 1.47 percent interception rate is the best among Clemson quarterbacks all-time with at least 150 career pass attempts, and is second among those with at least 100 attempts behind only his protégé, D.J. Uiagalelei.

INTERCEPTION AVOIDANCE (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk Player	Years	Int.-Att.	Pct.
1. D.J. Uiagalelei	**2020**	**0-117**	**0.00**
2. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-20**	**16-1090**	**1.47**
3. Kelly Bryant	2015-18	10-470	2.13
4. Cullen Harper	2005-08	20-815	2.45
5. Chris Morocco	1986-89	4-157	2.55
6. Cole Stoudt	2011-14	11-421	2.61

Note: Minimum 100 passing attempts.

As a freshman, Lawrence set a then-single-season Clemson record by closing the 2018 season with 169 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Lawrence threw an interception on his 13th pass attempt of the 2019 season opener against Georgia Tech, ending a streak of 182 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.

As a sophomore, Lawrence shattered school single-season and multi-season records in that category in 2019. Across the 2019 and 2020 campaigns, he threw a school-record 366 pass attempts without an interception, the second-longest streak in ACC history. In all, he went 364 calendar days between an interception at Louisville on Oct. 19, 2019 and his next interception on Oct. 17, 2020 at Georgia Tech.

CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION (ACC HISTORY)

Rk Player, School	Year(s)	Att.
1. Russell Wilson, NC State	2008-09	379
2. Trevor Lawrence, Clemson	**2019-20**	**366**
3. Ryan Finley, NC State	2016-17	339
4. Drew Weatherford, Florida State	2007	270
5. Mitch Trubisky, North Carolina	2015-16	243

CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk Player	Years	Att.
1. Trevor Lawrence	**2019-20**	**366**
2. Tajh Boyd	2012-13	187
3. Trevor Lawrence	**2018-19**	**182**

LAWRENCE PASSING STATISTICS BETWEEN INTs (OCT. 19, 2019 - OCT. 17, 2020)

Date	Opponent	Cmp./Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Rtg.
10/19/19	Louisville*	17/22	77.3	224	3	207.8
10/26/19	Boston College	16/19	84.2	275	3	257.9
11/2/19	Wofford	12/16	75.0	218	3	251.3
11/9/19	NC State	20/27	74.1	276	3	196.6
11/16/19	Wake Forest	21/27	77.8	272	4	211.3
11/30/19	South Carolina	26/36	72.2	295	3	168.6
12/7/19	Virginia	16/22	72.7	302	4	248.0

12/28/19	Ohio State	18/33	54.5	259	2	140.5
1/13/20	LSU	18/37	48.6	234	0	101.8
9/12/20	Wake Forest	22/28	78.6	351	1	195.7
9/19/20	The Citadel	8/9	88.9	168	3	355.7
10/3/20	Virginia	25/38	65.8	329	3	164.6
10/10/20	Miami (Fla.)	29/41	70.7	292	3	154.7
10/17/20	Georgia Tech^	8/11	72.7	158	2	253.4
Total		**256/366**	**69.9**	**3653**	**37**	**187.1**

* - Statistics after throwing interception on his final pass attempt of the first quarter in that game; ^ - Statistics prior to throwing interception on 12th pass attempt of that game

Last season, Lawrence set a school record for consecutive completions in a single game, completing 18 consecutive passes at South Carolina to break the mark held by Cullen Harper (15 vs. Central Michigan in 2007) and Kelly Bryant (15 vs. Miami in 2017). His 18 consecutive completions tied ACC single-game records held by Virginia's Michael Rocco (vs. Miami in 2012) and North Carolina's Mitch Trubisky (vs. James Madison in 2016).

300-YARD GAMES

Clemson's balance and its willingness to take what defenses offer on the ground or through the air sometimes limits opportunities for Lawrence to accrue some of the passing numbers put up around the country. But even playing in an offense that values balance and for a coach who values spreading playing time throughout the roster, Lawrence has still been able to light up defenses in his career, ranking third on Clemson's all-time leaderboard in 300-yard passing games.

CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season(s)	Games
1.	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	18
2.	Deshaun Watson	2014-16	13
3.	**Trevor Lawrence**	**2018-20**	**12**
4.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	8
5.	Brandon Streeter	1996-99	4

ACTIVE AND ACC RANKS

Entering bowl season, Lawrence sits third among all active FBS players in career passing touchdowns and third in career touchdown responsibility (touchdowns scored *or* thrown).

CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS (ACTIVE FBS LEADERS)

Rk	Player	School	TD
1.	Sam Ehlinger	Texas	93
2.	Brady White	Memphis	89
3.	**Trevor Lawrence**	**Clemson**	**88**
4.	Shane Buechele	SMU	87
5.	Ian Book	Notre Dame	72
	D'Eriq King	Miami (Fla.)	72

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RESPONSIBILITY (ACTIVE FBS LEADERS)

Rk	Player	School	TD Resp.
1.	Sam Ehlinger	Texas	126
2.	D'Eriq King	Miami (Fla.)	108
3.	**Trevor Lawrence**	**Clemson**	**105**
4.	Brady White	Memphis	96
5.	Shane Buechele	SMU	95

Lawrence's 88 career passing touchdowns are fourth-most in ACC history, and his 105 touchdowns for which he's responsible are fifth in conference history.

CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Player, School	Year(s)	TD
1.	Tajh Boyd, Clemson	2010-13	107
2.	Philip Rivers, NC State	2000-03	95
3.	Deshaun Watson, Clemson	2014-16	90
4.	**Trevor Lawrence, Clemson**	**2018-20**	**88**
5.	Chris Weinke, Florida State	1997-00	79

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RESPONSIBILITY (ACC HISTORY)

Rk	Player, School	Year(s)	TD Resp.
1.	Tajh Boyd, Clemson	2010-13	133
2.	Lamar Jackson, Louisville	2015-17	119
3.	Deshaun Watson, Clemson	2014-16	116
4.	Philip Rivers, NC State	2000-03	112
5.	**Trevor Lawrence, Clemson**	**2018-20**	**105**

LAWRENCE'S LEGS

Lawrence had a Clemson team-high and career-best 107 rushing yards on 16 carries and scored on a career-long 67-yard run in Clemson's 29-23 win against Ohio State in last year's PlayStation Fiesta Bowl. The 67-yard run was the longest by a Clemson quarterback since Woody Dantzler had a 75-yard scoring run at Virginia in 2000.

Lawrence finished 2019 with 563 rushing yards on 103 carries, an average of 5.47 yards per rush. That rushing average was the best in a season for a Clemson quarterback since transitioning away from single-wing formations in 1953.

RUSHING YARDS BY QUARTERBACKS (CLEMSON SINCE 1953)

Rk	Player (Year)	Rush TD	Rush Avg.	Att.-Yds.
1.	Deshaun Watson (2015)	12	5.4	207-1105
2.	Woody Dantzler (2001)	10	4.8	221-1061
3.	Woody Dantzler (2000)	13	5.4	190-1028
4.	Kelly Bryant (2017)	11	3.5	192-665
5.	Steve Fuller (1978)	10	4.2	153-649
6.	Deshaun Watson (2016)	9	3.8	166-626
7.	Woody Dantzler (1999)	4	4.0	146-588
8.	**Trevor Lawrence (2019)**	**8**	**5.5**	**103-563**
9.	Tajh Boyd (2012)	10	2.8	186-514
10.	Steve Fuller (1976)	6	3.2	157-503

With seven rushing touchdowns this season, Lawrence's career rushing touchdowns total now stands at 17. With two touchdowns at Virginia Tech, he entered the Top 5 for career rushing touchdowns by a Clemson quarterback in the modern era.

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (CLEMSON QUARTERBACKS SINCE 1953)

Rk	Player	Years	Rush TD
1.	Woodrow Dantzler	1998-2001	27
2.	Deshaun Watson	2014-16	26
	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	26
4.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	22
5.	**Trevor Lawrence**	**2018-20**	**17**
6.	Kelly Bryant	2015-18	16
7.	Rodney Williams	1985-88	12

KILLER T'S STRIKE AGAIN

The prolific duo of Trevor and Travis shot out of the starting gate quickly in 2020, with Lawrence producing 351 passing yards and Etienne producing 102 rushing yards in Clemson's season opener at Wake Forest.

The duo also had a superlative performance on conference championship weekend, as Lawrence produced 322 passing yards and Etienne rushed for 124 yards in a convincing 34-10 win against No. 2 Notre Dame.

The performance against Notre Dame represented the 16th time in history that Clemson has produced both a 300-yard passer and a 100-yard rusher in a single game. All 16 instances at Clemson have come since the turn of the century. Thirteen have come under Dabo Swinney, including four by the Lawrence/Etienne duo.

GAMES WITH A 300-YARD PASSER AND 100-YARD RUSHER (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Date	Passer	Rusher(s)	Opponent
10/13/01	Dantzler (333)	Dantzler (184)	NC State
10/25/03	Whitehurst (309)	Coleman (111)	North Carolina
10/22/05	Whitehurst (307)	Merriweather (108)	Temple
9/29/12	Boyd (367)	Ellington (132)	Boston College
11/17/12	Boyd (426)	Ellington (124)/Boyd (103)	NC State
10/26/13	Boyd (304)	McDowell (161)	Maryland
1/3/14	Boyd (378)	Boyd (127)	Ohio State
10/31/15	Watson (383)	Gallman (172)	NC State
11/14/15	Watson (368)	Watson (105)	Syracuse
10/1/16	Watson (306)	Gallman (110)	Louisville
11/26/16	Watson (347)	Gallman (112)	South Carolina
11/24/18	Lawrence (393)	Etienne (150)	South Carolina
12/29/18	Lawrence (327)	Etienne (109)	Notre Dame
12/7/19	Lawrence (302)	Etienne (114)	Virginia
9/12/20	**Lawrence (351)**	**Etienne (102)**	**Wake Forest**
12/19/20	**Lawrence (322)**	**Etienne (124)**	**Notre Dame**

RETURNING 4,000-YARD CAREER RUSHERS (FBS HISTORY)

Clemson returned one of the most proflific career passer-rusher duos in college football history in 2020. Trevor Lawrence entered his junior campaign with 6,945 career passing yards, while Travis Etienne entered his senior season with 4,038 career rushing yards. The 2020 Clemson Tigers became only the third team in FBS history to return a 6,000-yard career passer and 4,000-yard career rusher, joining the 2001 Oregon State Beavers and 2018 Washington Huskies.

Per data available via Sports Reference, of the 139 players who have rushed for 4,000 yards all-time prior to 2020, Etienne was one of only 14 to enter his final collegiate season with 4,000 career yards.

PLAYERS WITH 4,000 CAREER RUSHING YARDS PRIOR TO FINAL SEASON

Rk	Player	Seasons	School	Rush Yds.[1]	Returning Passing Leader	Pass Yds.[2]
1.	Ron Dayne	1996-99	Wisconsin	5,091	Scott Kavanagh	365
2.	Tony Dorsett	1973-76	Pitt	4,376	Matt Cavanaugh	1,534
3.	Damion Fletcher	2006-09	Southern Mississippi	4,287	Austin Davis	3,128
4.	Donnel Pumphrey	2013-16	San Diego State	4,272	Christian Chapman	436
5.	Charles White	1976-79	USC	4,195	Paul McDonald	1,915
6.	Jonathan Taylor	2017-19	Wisconsin	4,171	Jack Coan	551
7.	Ricky Williams	1995-98	Texas	4,155	Richard Walton	1,091
8.	Royce Freeman	2014-17	Oregon	4,146	Justin Herbert	1,936
9.	Archie Griffin	1972-75	Ohio State	4,139	Cornelius Greene	1,282
10.	Justin Jackson	2014-17	Northwestern	4,129	Clayton Thorson	4,704
11.	Ken Simonton	1998-2001	Oregon State	4,073	Jonathan Smith	7,253
12.	DeAngelo Williams	2002-05	Memphis	4,062	Maurice Avery	32
13.	Myles Gaskin	2015-18	Washington	4,055	Jake Browning	9,104
14.	**Travis Etienne**	**2017-Pres.**	**Clemson**	**4,038**	**Trevor Lawrence**	**6,945**

[1] Prior to final season
[2] Prior to running back's final season

-- NO. 5 QB D.J. UIAGALELEI --

"BIG CINCO" ON BIG STAGE

Asked for the proper pronunciation of his name, true freshman Clemson quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei will walk you through the syllables of his surname of Samoan descent:

"ooh-ee-AHN-guh-luh-lay"

But he'll also offer a helpful tip:

"Or you can just call me 'Big Cinco.'"

Big Cinco is the 250-pound first-year quarterback wearing No. 5 who earned Clemson's backup quarterback job behind Trevor Lawrence early in the 2020 season.

On Oct. 31 against Boston College, Uiagalelei was thrust into the starting lineup after Lawrence was diagnosed with COVID-19. With the win in his first start, Clemson improved to 20-13 all-time in games started by true freshman quarterbacks. He joined Steve Fuller, Willie Jordan, Patrick Sapp, Nealon Greene, Deshaun Watson and Lawrence as one of only seven true freshmen ever to start for Clemson at quarterback, and he joined Watson and Lawrence as the only true freshmen to win their starting debuts.

Uiagalelei impressed against Boston College as Clemson overcame an 18-point deficit to record the largest comeback win in the history of Death Valley. He completed 30-of-41 passes for 342 yards with two passing touchdowns and no interceptions, and also rushed six times for 25 yards with a rushing touchdown. His 342 passing yards were the third-most by a Clemson freshman (true or redshirt) in his starting debut, trailing Deshaun Watson's 435 yards against North Carolina in 2014 and Charlie Whitehurst's 420 yards against Duke in 2002.

A week later, Uiagalelei completed 29-of-44 passes for a career-high 439 yards with two passing touchdowns in a double-overtime contest against No. 4 Notre Dame. His 439 passing yards were the third-most in a game in school history and broke Watson's school freshman record of 435. The 439 passing yards were the most ever thrown against Notre Dame by an opposing quarterback, breaking the mark of 425 held by USC's Carson Palmer in 2002.

CLEMSON IN GAMES STARTED BY TRUE FRESHMAN QUARTERBACKS (20-14)

Year	Opponent (Rank*)	Quarterback	Cmp-Att-Yds-I-TD	W/L
1975	Alabama (14/18)	S. Fuller	0-1-0-0-0	L
1975	Georgia Tech	W. Jordan	13-21-251-0-2	L
1975	Georgia	W. Jordan	3-12-83-0-1	L
1975	Wake Forest	W. Jordan	6-9-123-0-1	W
1975	Duke	W. Jordan	11-14-202-0-1	L
1975	NC State	W. Jordan	3-8-37-1-0	L
1975	Florida State	W. Jordan	0-3-0-0-0	L
1992	Wake Forest	P. Sapp	14-27-143-1-0	L
1992	North Carolina (18/18)	P. Sapp	13-23-205-1-2	W
1992	Maryland	P. Sapp	25-55-273-1-0	L
1992	South Carolina	P. Sapp	4-22-26-0-0	L
1994	Duke (25/23)	N. Greene	16-30-172-0-0	L
1994	Florida State (7/10)	N. Greene	2-9-13-0-0	L
1994	North Carolina (19/12)	N. Greene	9-12-104-0-0	W
1994	Georgia Tech	N. Greene	7-13-81-0-0	W
1994	South Carolina	N. Greene	4-11-52-1-0	L
2014	North Carolina	D. Watson	27-36-435-1-6	W
2014	NC State	D. Watson	17-29-267-0-2	W
2014	Louisville	D. Watson	2-6-(-5)-1-0	W
2014	Georgia Tech (24/23)	D. Watson	4-6-21-0-0	L
2014	South Carolina	D. Watson	14-19-269-0-2	W
2018	Syracuse	T. Lawrence	10-15-93-0-0	W
2018	Wake Forest	T. Lawrence	20-25-175-0-2	W
2018	NC State (16/15)	T. Lawrence	26-39-308-0-1	W
2018	Florida State	T. Lawrence	20-37-314-0-4	W
2018	Louisville	T. Lawrence	8-12-59-1-2	W
2018	Boston College (17/14)	T. Lawrence	29-40-295-1-1	W
2018	Duke	T. Lawrence	21-38-251-0-2	W
2018	South Carolina	T. Lawrence	27-36-393-0-1	W
2018	Pittsburgh	T. Lawrence	12-24-118-0-2	W
2018	Notre Dame (3/3)	T. Lawrence	27-39-327-0-3	W
2018	Alabama (1/1)	T. Lawrence	20-32-347-0-3	W
2020	**Boston College**	**D. Uiagalelei**	**30-41-342-0-2**	**W**
2020	**Notre Dame (4/4)**	**D. Uiagalelei**	**29-44-439-0-2**	**L**

* - Opponent Rank (AP/Coaches)

-- NO. 3 WR AMARI RODGERS --

COMEBACK KID

Since his arrival at Clemson in 2017, Amari Rodgers has been hailed by coaches and teammates as one of the program's hardest workers. The work ahead of Rodgers was substantial on March 25, 2019, when the wide receiver from Knoxville, Tenn., tore his ACL during spring practice.

Rodgers attacked his rehab with his trademark work ethic, returning to action 166 days later in Clemson's second game of the 2019 season, receiving a thunderous roar from Death Valley following his first reception. Rodgers completed his comeback 2019 campaign with 30 catches for 426 yards and four touchdowns.

With the national spotlight no longer being split with Tee Higgins and Justyn Ross, Rodgers is shining in 2020. After playing with a knee brace last season, Rodgers is playing without a brace this year in his "All Gas, No Brace" season, and the production has followed, as he set a new single-season career high for receiving yardage in only his seventh game of the season. The Biletnikoff semifinalist enters bowl season second in the ACC in receiving yards and tied for third in the ACC with seven receiving touchdowns.

RECEIVING YARDS (ACC, 2020)

Rk	Player	School	Yards
1.	Dyami Brown	North Carolina	1,099
2.	**Amari Rodgers**	**Clemson**	**966**
3.	Zay Flowers	Boston College	892
4.	Dez Fitzpatrick	Louisville	833
5.	Jaquarii Roberson	Wake Forest	795
6.	Cornell Powell	Clemson	743

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS (ACC, 2020)

Rk	Player	School	TD
1.	Zay Flowers	Boston College	9
2.	Dyami Brown	North Carolina	8
3.	**Amari Rodgers**	**Clemson**	**7**
	Tutu Atwell	Louisville	7
5.	Five tied		6

CLIMBING THE RANKS

Rodgers' steady production throughout his career coupled with a breakout 2020 campaign has thrust him into impressive company in Clemson history in several categories.

CAREER RECEPTIONS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player, Pos.	Years	Yards	Avg.	TD	Rec.
1.	Artavis Scott, WR	2014-16	2480	10.1	19	245
2.	Sammy Watkins, WR	2011-13	3391	14.1	27	240
3.	Aaron Kelly, WR	2005-08	2733	11.8	20	232
4.	DeAndre Hopkins, WR	2010-12	3020	14.7	27	206
5.	Hunter Renfrow, WR	2015-18	2133	11.5	15	186
6.	Mike Williams, WR	2013-16	2727	15.4	21	177
7.	**Amari Rodgers, WR**	**2017-20**	**2090**	**12.1**	**15**	**173**
8.	Derrick Hamilton, WR	2001-03	2312	13.8	16	167
9.	Rod Gardner, WR	1997-00	2498	15.0	13	166
10.	Terry Smith, WR	1990-93	2681	16.5	15	162

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player, Pos.	Years	Rec.	Yards
1.	Sammy Watkins, WR	2011-13	240	3391
2.	DeAndre Hopkins, WR	2010-12	206	3020
3.	Aaron Kelly, WR	2005-08	232	2733
4.	Mike Williams, WR	2013-16	177	2727
5.	Terry Smith, WR	1990-93	162	2681
6.	Perry Tuttle, WR	1978-81	150	2534
7.	Rod Gardner, WR	1997-00	166	2498
8.	Artavis Scott, WR	2014-16	245	2480
9.	Tee Higgins, WR	2017-19	135	2448
10.	Derrick Hamilton, WR	2001-03	167	2312
11.	Jerry Butler, WR	1975-78	139	2223
12.	Hunter Renfrow, WR	2015-18	186	2133
13.	**Amari Rodgers, WR**	**2017-20**	**173**	**2090**
14.	Deon Cain, WR	2015-17	130	2040
15.	Airese Currie, WR	2001-04	138	2030

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player, Pos.	Years	TD
1.	DeAndre Hopkins, WR	2010-12	27
	Sammy Watkins, WR	2011-13	27
	Tee Higgins, WR	2017-19	27
4.	Mike Williams, WR	2013-16	21
5.	Aaron Kelly, WR	2005-08	20
	Deon Cain, WR	2015-17	20
7.	Artavis Scott, WR	2014-16	19
8.	Glenn Smith, TE	1949-51	18
	Jordan Leggett, TE	2013-16	18
10.	Perry Tuttle, WR	1978-81	17
	Justyn Ross, WR	**2018-19**	**17**
12.	Terrance Roulhac, WR	1983-86	16
	Jacoby Ford, WR	2006-09	16
14.	Derrick Hamilton, WR	2001-03	15
	Hunter Renfrow, WR	2015-18	15
	Amari Rodgers, WR	**2017-20**	**15**

PUNT RETURN YARDS

Rodgers has served as Clemson's primary punt returner since 2018 and ranks ninth in school history in career punt return yards.

PUNT RETURN YARDS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Years	PR	Avg.	TD	Yards
1.	Shad Bryant	1937-39	65	12.0	1	779
2.	Donnell Woolford	1985-88	78	9.6	2	754
3.	James Lott	1986-89	71	9.6	0	683
4.	Don Kelley	1969-71	56	11.3	2	632
5.	Derrick Hamilton	2001-03	68	9.1	0	618
6.	Willie Jordan	1975-78	54	10.5	0	569
	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	53	10.7	1	569
8.	Billy Davis	1980-83	87	6.4	0	555
9.	**Amari Rodgers**	**2017-20**	**68**	**7.8**	**1**	**529**
10.	Ray-Ray McCloud	2015-17	50	9.7	1	485

-- NO. 17 WR CORNELL POWELL --

HIS TIME

In an era of instant gratification, Clemson's 2020 offense features a story of patience and perseverance in fifth-year senior wide receiver Cornell Powell.

Powell, a former four-star recruit from Greenville, N.C., entered his fifth year in the Clemson program with 40 career receptions for 329 yards and two touchdowns. But he was one of the standouts of Clemson's abbreviated spring practices and quickly claimed a starting role for 2020.

"I am just proud of him because he hung in there. He battled in camp. He had a sense of desperation to him because he knew there are some talented guys in the receivers room, but he stepped up and he got better," Head Coach Dabo Swinney said. "He stepped up and made some big plays. He has been awesome. He has been a really good leader for us. He has put the work in. I am really proud of him."

Instead of transferring in search of greener pastures, Powell has put together a career year in 2020 with 45 receptions for 743 yards and five receiving touchdowns.

"Nothing easy is worth having," Powell said. "Everybody has to wait their turn."

While waiting wasn't easy for Powell, he took comfort in knowing the pedigree of his Wide Receiver U brethren in front of him during his career.

"I came in and had Mike Williams, Artavis Scott, Hunter Renfrow. We had Deon Cain, then we had Ray-Ray McCloud, and then we had Diondre Overton, Tee [Higgins] and J-Ross," Powell said. "Those guys are no slouches."

Powell reached the 100-yard mark against Boston College, Notre Dame and Pitt, tying Charlie Waters (1969), Tony Horne (1997), Rod Gardner (2000), DeAndre Hopkins (2012) and Sammy Watkins (2013) for the school record for consecutive 100-yard receiving games. With 161 yards at Notre Dame and 176 yards vs. Pitt, he joined rather select company as only the third Clemson player ever to post consecutive 150-yard receiving games.

CONSECUTIVE 150-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Year	Player	Opponent	Rec.	Yards
2012	DeAndre Hopkins	Boston College	11	197
		Georgia Tech	7	173
2013	Sammy Watkins	Maryland	14	163
		Virginia	8	169
2020	**Cornell Powell**	**Notre Dame**	**6**	**161**
		Pitt	**6**	**176**

-- DEFENSE --

WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Clemson entered its 2020 season opener against Wake Forest missing two presumptive preseason starters at defensive end in Justin Foster and Xavier Thomas, perhaps leaving the uninitiated to wonder from where Clemson's pass rush might come.

America, meet true freshmen Myles Murphy and Bryan Bresee.

Bresee joined Clemson as the consensus No. 1 player in America for the class of 2020. Murphy joined the Tigers as ESPN.com's third-ranked player in the class. Both made an immediate impact in their collegiate debuts.

It had been five years since a Clemson true freshman had recorded a sack in a season opener, when Dexter Lawrence and Tre Lamar each did so in the 2016 season opener at Auburn. Both Murphy and Bresee got on the stat sheet in the opener against Wake, with Murphy compiling two sacks among a team-high seven tackles and Bresee adding half a sack and the Tigers' first blocked field goal since Week 2 of 2018. Murphy has accounted for three forced fumbles this year, the most by a freshman (true or redshirt) under Dabo Swinney.

The duo has been joined by a midseason surge by fellow true freshman linebacker Trenton Simpson, a former high school running back with a presence of an edge rusher who is still learning the linebacker position. Murphy and Simpson have both entered into a tie for third in Clemson history in sacks by a true freshman.

MOST SACKS BY A TRUE FRESHMAN (SINGLE-SEASON, CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Player	Season	Sacks
1.	Dexter Lawrence	2016	7.0
2.	Tyler Davis	2019	6.5
3.	William Perry	1981	4.0
	Ricky Sapp	2006	4.0
	Shaq Lawson	2013	4.0
	Myles Murphy	**2020**	**4.0**
	Trenton Simpson	**2020**	**4.0**

SACKS BY TRUE FRESHMEN (CLEMSON, 2020)

Rk	Player	Pos.	Sacks
1.	Myles Murphy	DE	4.0
	Trenton Simpson	LB	4.0
3.	Bryan Bresee	DL	3.0
4.	Malcolm Greene	CB	1.5
5.	DeMonte Capehart	DT	1.0
6.	Kevin Swint	LB	0.5

THE BRUISE BROTHERS

Behind Clemson's precocious defensive line is a pair of veteran linebackers that are leaving their mark on opponents this year and led Head Coach Dabo Swinney to coin one of college football's top new nicknames: "The Bruise Brothers."

Though he missed three full games while recovering from a groin injury this year, middle linebacker James Skalski is in his fifth year in the Clemson program. He took a mid-career redshirt in 2018, playing four games including the ACC Championship Game, Cotton Bowl and National Championship Game in what he and others have called "the sweetest gig on the team" that year before becoming a full-time starter in 2019. The physical presence of No. 47 has led Swinney referring to him as "a war daddy" and calling his participation in practices and scrimmages "just unfair."

But Skalski has had a new running mate at the second level of the defense this year, as redshirt junior Baylon Spector has produced strong performances so far in 2020 including an ACC Linebacker of the Week selection for his play against Virginia on Oct. 3. The first-year starter announced his presence in a reserve role in last year's College Football Playoff when he had two sacks against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

"[Spector] and Skalski, it's a reflection of how they practice. I'm telling you, every single rep at practice is a game rep to those two guys. They put a ton of work in every week to get themselves ready to play," Swinney said. "I know how hard they've worked. It's the unseen grind. That's a ton of work that they've put in.

"I call them The Bruise Brothers. Those two right there, it's something to watch and it's fun to see."

The duo's success is not merely a function of their physicality and hard work. Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables praised the cerebral nature of their play as well.

"They've developed some really good chemistry together. They're always having side chat conversations when I'm trying to talk with the whole defense and I'm having to correct at practice, and I look over and they're coaching each other. Sometimes that bothers me, I'll be honest, [*smiling*] but I absolutely love it because it's always about the details of what we're talking about," Venables said. "They're like two coaches, really, out on the field."

300 OR FEWER YARDS

A year ago, Clemson opened the 2019 season by keeping each of its first 12 opponents to fewer than 300 yards, marking the first time in ESPN Stats & Info searchable data going back to 1996 that a team had held the first 12 opponents of a season under that mark. ACC Coastal Division champion Virginia became the first team to hit the 300-yard plateau on Clemson, accounting for 387 in the ACC Championship Game.

Included below is a look at the most games holding opponents under 300 yards to open a season since 2000.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES HOLDING TEAMS UNDER 300 YARDS TO OPEN A SEASON

Rk	School	Season	Games
1.	**Clemson**	**2019**	**12**
2.	Ohio State	2019	11
3.	Alabama	2011	10
4.	LSU	2006	9
5.	Alabama	2012	8

Note: FBS teams since 2000

Clemson has held opponents under 300 yards of offense 28 times since the start of the 2018 season, the most in the country.

MOST GAMES HOLDING OPPONENTS UNDER 300 YARDS (SINCE 2018)

Rk	School	Games
1.	**Clemson**	**28**
2.	Georgia	22
3.	UAB	21
4.	San Diego State	20
5.	Alabama	19

DEFENSIVE POINT THRESHOLDS

Prior to surrendering 23 points in the 2019 Fiesta Bowl, Clemson had not surrendered more than 20 points since the 2018 regular season finale and had held 16 consecutive opponents to 20 or fewer points. A defensive streak of that length had not occurred at Clemson in 79 years, when Hall of Fame coaches Jess Neely and Frank Howard combined for a 31-game streak across the 1937-40 seasons.

Prior to the 16-game streak in 2018-19, there had been only four streaks of 15 or more such games in Clemson history. All four came in a vastly different era not just for college football, but for Clemson University as well. At the time of all four previous streaks, Clemson was an all-male, military institution still operating as Clemson Agricultural College before becoming known as Clemson University in 1964.

CONSECUTIVE OPPONENTS HELD TO 20 OR FEWER POINTS (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Seasons	Games
1.	1899-1905	38
2.	1937-40	31
3.	1905-08	18
4.	**2018-19**	**16**
5.	1933-34	15

Just above the 20-point threshold, Clemson has won 89 consecutive games when holding opponents under 23 points, a streak that dates to the 2010 season. Since 2014, Clemson has held opponents to 22 or fewer points in 71 games, the most in the nation. Clemson is 71-0 in those contests.

GAMES HOLDING OPPONENTS UNDER 23 POINTS (SINCE 2014)

Rk	School	Games	Record*
1.	**Clemson**	**71**	**71-0**
2.	Alabama	69	69-0
3.	Wisconsin	62	55-7
4.	Georgia	60	58-2
5.	Iowa	58	48-10

* Record in games holding opponents under 23 points

STOPPING THE RUN

Clemson has held opponents to 2.0 or fewer yards per carry in 25 games in the College Football Playoff era (since 2014), the second-most in the country. Clemson is 24-1 in those contests.

Clemson opened 2020 with two such performances. Clemson allowed only 1.1 yards per carry in its season opener against Wake Forest and then held The Citadel to 1.8 yards per carry, representing the team's first time holding consecutive opponents to 2.0 yards per carry or fewer since games 2-3 last season against Texas A&M and Syracuse.

GAMES HOLDING OPPONENT TO 2.0 OR FEWER YARDS PER CARRY (SINCE 2014)

Rk	School	Games
1.	Alabama	29
2.	**Clemson**	**25**
3.	San Diego State	22
4.	Michigan	21
5.	Four teams tied	19

POINTS ALLOWED PER POSSESSION

Since Brent Venables joined Clemson as defensive

coordinator prior to the 2012 season, Clemson has allowed only 1.13 points per possession against FBS opponents, the second-fewest in the country in that span. No program has given up fewer points per possession against FBS opponents since 2018, as Clemson's 0.91 points allowed per possession since the start of the 2018 season makes Clemson the only program in the country to allow fewer than a full point per drive to opponents.

POINTS ALLOWED PER POSSESSION (SINCE 2018)

Rk	School	Pts. Per Possession
1.	**Clemson**	**0.91**
2.	Iowa	1.12
3.	Cincinnati	1.21
4.	San Diego State	1.25
5.	Notre Dame	1.25

Note: Against FBS competition

THE CFP ERA'S DOMINANT DEFENSE

Since the advent of the College Football Playoff in 2014, Clemson has routinely produced one of the nation's elite defenses.

Clemson has ranked in the Top 10 in the country in total defense in each of the last six seasons and has ranked among the Top 10 in scoring defense in four of those campaigns.

CLEMSON DEFENSE SINCE 2014

Year	Yds/G	Rank	Pts/G	Rank
2014	260.8	1	16.7	3
2015	313.0	10	21.7	24
2016	311.5	8	18.0	10
2017	276.7	4	13.6	2
2018	285.9	5	13.1	1
2019	288.3	6	13.5	3

Clemson entered 2020 as the only program in the country to produce a Top 10 defense in each of the six previous years.

TOP 10 FINISHES IN TOTAL DEFENSE (SINCE 2014)

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**6**
2.	Michigan	5
	Wisconsin	5
4.	Ohio State	4
5.	Five teams tied	3

BACKFIELD INVADERS

Clemson's defense calls Death Valley home but might as well file for dual residency in opponents' backfields. Since Brent Venables took over as Clemson's defensive coordinator in 2012, Clemson leads the nation in both sacks and tackles for loss, and has led the country in tackles for loss in five of the previous eight seasons.

MOST SACKS SINCE 2012

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**405**
2.	Alabama	343
3.	Ohio State	340
4.	Penn State	333
5.	Stanford	323

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2012

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**1064**
2.	Virginia Tech	842
3.	Alabama	837
4.	Oklahoma State	817
5.	Penn State	810

SEASONS LEADING FBS IN TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2012

Rk	School	No.	Year(s)
1.	**Clemson**	**5**	**2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018***
2.	Ohio State	2	2017*, 2019
3.	Stanford	1	2012
	Miami (Fla.)	1	2018*
	Michigan	1	2017*
	Northern Illinois	1	2017*

* - indicates shared lead

Clemson tied an ACC Championship Game record with six sacks against Notre Dame. The performance pushed Clemson past the 40-sack mark for a seventh straight season — every year of the CFP era. Clemson's seven 40-sack seasons in that time are the most in the country.

40-SACK SEASONS (CFP ERA)

Rk	School	No.	Year(s)
1.	**Clemson**	**7**	2014,15,16,17,18,19,20
2.	Penn State	5	2015,16,17,18,19
3.	Ohio State	4	2014,17,18,19
4.	Alabama	3	2015,16,18
	Pitt	3	2016,19,20

Clemson's success sacking quarterbacks has not been limited to a handful of high-production players but is instead indicative of team-wide success. In the College Football Playoff era (since 2014), 74 different Clemson players have recorded at least half a sack, including a nation-high 21 different players in 2020.

MOST PLAYERS WITH AT LEAST HALF A SACK (FBS, 2020)

Rk	School	Players
1.	**Clemson**	**21**
2.	Florida	18
3.	Oklahoma	17
4.	Notre Dame	15
	Virginia	15

Despite no individual player having more than 4.0 sacks this season, Clemson's 44 sacks rank second in the country. The only team ahead of Clemson is Pitt, whom Clemson out-sacked, 6-3, on Nov. 28.

MOST SACKS (FBS, 2020)

Rk	School	No.
1.	Pitt	46
2.	**Clemson**	**44**
3.	Oklahoma	36
	Tulane	36
	Virginia Tech	36

MULTI-SACK GAMES

Clemson has posted 38 multiple-sack games since 2018, the most in the FBS. Clemson has recorded at least two sacks in 33 of its last 34 games, including each of its last 17.

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE SACKS (SINCE 2018)

Rk	School	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**38**
2.	Pitt	31
3.	Memphis	30
4.	Ohio State	29
	Alabama	29

Prior to being held without a sack against option-heavy Wofford on Nov. 2, 2019, Clemson recorded multiple sacks in each of its previous 16 games, dating across the 2018-19. Clemson's 16-game streak with multiple sacks across the 2018-19 seasons was the program's third-longest streak since 1980. Clemson's current 17-game streak has since passed that figure to tie for Clemson's second-longest streak of the last 40 years.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH MULTIPLE SACKS (CLEMSON SINCE 1980)

Rk	Year(s)	No.
1.	1991-92	18
2.	**2019-20**	**17***
	1998-99	17
4.	2018-19	16
5.	2012-13	15

* - active streak

TAKEAWAYS, NO GIVEAWAYS

Clemson emphasizes the importance of turnover margin every week on what it dubs "TANOGA Tuesday," standing for "TakeAways, NO GiveAways."

Clemson has 13 giveaways in 11 games this season, a 1.18 turnovers-per-game mark that would rank 10th in school history. Clemson finished 2019 with 15 giveaways on the season, as its 1.0 per-game average in giveaways ranked third in school history, behind only the 1940 and 2007 seasons.

FEWEST TURNOVERS PER GAME (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk.	Season	TO/G	Record	Season Note
1.	1940	0.88	6-2-1	SoCon Champs
2.	2007	0.92	9-4	Finished as AP No. 21
3.	2019	1.00	14-1	ACC Champs/Nat'l Runner Up
4.	1988	1.08	10-2	ACC Champs/No. 9 AP Finish
	1989	1.08	10-2	Finished as AP No. 12
6.	1994	1.09	5-6	
7.	1938	1.11	7-1-1	Finished 2nd in SoCon
8.	2018	1.13	15-0	ACC/National Champs
9.	2017	1.14	12-2	ACC Champs/CFP Berth
10.	2005	1.36	8-4	Finished as AP No. 21

Note: Clemson has 1.18 turnovers per game in 2020

The 2019 Tigers won the turnover margin 11 times, Clemson's most in a season under Dabo Swinney. Clemson won the turnover margin for the first time in 2020 in its third game against Virginia. Clemson finished plus-two in turnovers that game, then finished plus-two the following week as well against Miami. Clemson's top performance in the turnover margin this season came in a plus-four effort against Pitt.

CLEMSON TURNOVER HISTORY UNDER DABO SWINNEY

Games with...	Games	Record (Win Pct.)
0 giveaways	37	33-4 (89.2)
1 giveaway	56	50-6 (89.3)
2 giveaways	46	38-8 (82.6)
3+ giveaways	33	19-14 (57.6)
0 takeaways	27	18-9 (66.7)
1 takeaway	42	33-9 (78.6)
2 takeaways	57	44-13 (77.2)
3+ takeaways	46	45-1 (97.8)
-3 or worse turnover margin	9	2-7 (22.2)
-2 turnover margin	22	17-5 (77.3)
-1 turnover margin	23	15-8 (65.2)
Even turnover margin	35	28-7 (80.0)
+1 turnover margin	37	33-4 (89.2)
+2 turnover margin	30	29-1 (96.7)
+3 or better turnover margin	16	16-0 (100.0)

Prior to a two-giveaway game at Georgia Tech, Clemson had gone 12 consecutive games without giving the ball away more than once, the program's longest such streak in the last 20 years.

LONGEST STREAKS OF GAMES WITH 0-1 GIVEAWAYS (CLEMSON SINCE 2000)

Rk	Year(s)	No.
1.	**2019-20 (Games 8-15 of 2019, 1-4 of 2020)**	**12**
2.	2007 (Games 7-13)	7
3.	2011 (Games 1-6)	6
4.	2018 (Games 11-15)	5

2014 (Games 1-5)	5
2004-05 (Game 11 of 2004, 1-4 of 2005)	5

Last year, Clemson's plus-15 margin in turnovers tied with the 1989 team for the ninth-best mark in school history, and at +1.00 per game, Clemson finished eighth in the country in turnover margin per game, the program's first time ranking in the Top 10 in the category since 2007 (+1.00, ninth). By total margin rather than by per-game margin, Clemson finished tied for sixth in the country in 2019.

Clemson enters bowl season ranked tied for sixth in the nation in turnover margin, aided in part by 22 takeaways (tied for second-most in the country), including 13 interceptions (tied for ninth-most in the country).

TURNOVER MARGIN (FBS, 2020)

Rk	School	For	Against	Margin
1.	Wake Forest	16	3	+13
2.	UCF	22	10	+12
3.	Coastal Carolina	22	11	+11
4.	Indiana	20	10	+10
	Alabama	21	11	+10
6.	**Clemson**	**22**	**13**	**+9**
	Iowa	18	9	+9
	LSU	22	13	+9
	Louisiana	21	12	+9
10.	Ohio State	16	8	+8
	Four others tied			+8

TAKEAWAYS (FBS, 2020)

Rk	School	FR	INT	Total
1.	Syracuse	11	13	24
2.	**Clemson**	**9**	**13**	**22**
	UCF	13	9	22
	Coastal Carolina	8	14	22
	LSU	9	13	22
	Georgia Southern	8	14	22
7.	Alabama	10	11	21
	Louisiana-Lafayette	6	15	21
	Boston College	12	9	21
10.	Indiana	3	17	20
	Pittsburgh	6	14	20
	Duke	11	9	20

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

Clemson's offense and defense have both been dominant in possessions following turnovers since the 2018 ACC Championship Game. Since that time, the Tigers hold a 279-59 advantage against opponents in points off turnovers.

Clemson outscored opponents off turnovers, 134-21, in 2019, and its +7.53-point-per-game differential off turnovers ranked third in the country. This season, Clemson is outscoring opponents 107-31 off turnovers, with 21 of the 31 points allowed surrendered directly by the Clemson offense.

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS (CLEMSON, 2020)

Date	Opponent	For	Against	Final Score
9/12/20	Wake Forest	7	0	37-13 W
9/19/20	The Citadel	7	0	49-0 W
10/3/20	Virginia	10	0	41-23 W
10/10/20	Miami (Fla.)	7	0	42-17 W
10/17/20	Georgia Tech	17	0	73-7 W
10/24/20	Syracuse	17	7	47-21 W
10/31/20	Boston College	0	7	34-28 W
11/7/20	Notre Dame	0	10	47-40 L
11/28/20	Pitt	28	7	52-17 W
12/5/20	Virginia Tech	14	0	45-10 W
12/19/20	Notre Dame	0	0	34-10 W
Totals		**107**	**31**	

Prior to giving up seven points on a pick-six against Syracuse on Oct. 24, Clemson had not surrendered points off a turnover in 15 full games. The streak lasted more than a calendar year, dating to Sept. 28, 2019, when North Carolina converted a lost fumble into a touchdown and won the points-off-turnover battle, 7-0.

On Nov. 7, Notre Dame scored on a 45-yard field goal following a Clemson fumble. Clemson had entered the game having played its last 17 complete games without having surrendered a point off of a turnover defensively prior to that possession, as its only points surrendered off turnovers in that span had come on behalf of the Clemson offense.

-- SPECIAL TEAMS --

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SPECIALISTS

- **B.T. Potter, PK:** Clemson's cannon-legged Lou Groza Award semifinalist has been remarkably consistent on both his shortest kicks and his longest kicks throughout his career. He is 143-for-144 on PATs, and his 122 consecutive PATs prior to his first miss shattered Clemson's school record (88 by Mark Buchholz from 2007-08). Potter, who has been one of the nation's foremost touchback specialists throughout his career, is also 5-for-6 on field goal attempts of 50 yards or more during his Clemson tenure, tying Clemson's record for career field goals of 50 yards or more.

- **Will Spiers, P:** A four-year starter at punter, Spiers made his 47th career start on Oct. 3, breaking Cole Chason's Clemson record for a punter (46 from 2003-06). His experience has been evident in his finish to the 2019 season and his hot start in 2020. In 2019, he finished with a career-high 41.7-yard net average, the second-best single-season mark in school history behind Dale Hatcher's 1984 performance (42.4), and he saved his best performances for the biggest games, dropping 10 of his 16 punts in last year's College Football Playoff inside the 20. He averaged at least 50.0 yards per punt in three-straight games against Miami, Georgia Tech and Syracuse this year, a career-long streak and a Clemson record with a minimum of three punts per game.

- **Will Swinney, H:** Spiers is not the only four-year starter among Clemson's special teams corps. Swinney is in his fourth season as Clemson's primary holder and has held for more placekicks than any player in Clemson history. Since 2017, Clemson has scored 459 points on placekicks, including field goals and PATs. Swinney, a 2020 William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist, has held for 454 of those 459 points, and including his receiving touchdown vs. Louisville in 2018, he's touched the ball for 460 total points for Clemson in his career. Clemson's only five kicking points not held by Will Swinney in his career were instead held by his brother, Drew. Clemson's last hold by any player outside the Swinney family was on the final point of Clemson's 2016 national championship following Hunter Renfrow's touchdown with one second remaining.

- **Jack Maddox, LS:** Maddox is in his first-year as Clemson's starting long snapper. A native of Acton, Mass., his attention first turned to Clemson after visiting his uncle, who is a professor at the university. He walked on at Clemson, and this past August, the redshirt junior was en route to Clemson's Applied Science Lab to take a nap when Head Coach Dabo Swinney approached him and asked him if he'd already paid his fall tuition. Upon Maddox confirming that he had, Swinney told him he'd have a little extra money in his pocket this semester, as Maddox was being placed on scholarship for the 2020 season.

- **Quinn Castner, PK:** Castner joined Clemson's program in August. At 140 pounds, the 5-foot-5 walk-on became the 15th player below 150 pounds to appear on Clemson's roster since 1944. He became a viral sensation for his debut against The Citadel once Dabo Swinney, after exaggerating Castner's vitals as "5-foot-3 and 80 pounds... maybe," told the following anecdote about Castner and Clemson's current culture: "I put him out there and gave him a chance to kick one off, and listen, he ain't kicked one deep in the end zone yet since he's been here... So I put the first [team] kickoff out there and said, 'All right, boys, we've got a little wind, I'm putting my man Quinn out there. Y'all know this is coming out and y'all need some dadgum practice...' Potter booms 'em out of the end zone and I wanted them to get a little work, so I got my man Quinn out there, and what does he do? He kicks that sucker four yards deep in the end zone, and the whole team went crazy. They just *loved* it, and, I mean, that's *special*."

-- NOTES & NUGGETS --

RANKINGS REPORT

Included below is a selection of Top 10 national statistical rankings currently held by Clemson:

Team/Player	Category	No.	Rank
Clemson	Sacks	44	2
Clemson	Tackles for Loss	103	2
Clemson	Offensive Plays Run	831	2
Clemson	Touchdowns	63	T-2
Clemson	Takeaways	22	T-2
Clemson	Opp. First Downs/Game	15.1	3
Clemson	Points/Game	44.9	4
Clemson	Kickoff Avg.	64.45	4
Clemson	Field Goals	18	T-4
Clemson	Rushing Touchdowns	31	T-4
Clemson	Opp. Yards/Play	4.63	5
Clemson	Opp. Yards/Rush	2.79	5
Clemson	Opp. Yards/Game	298.5	6
Clemson	Passing Touchdowns	29	6
Clemson	Turnover Margin	+9	T-6
Clemson	Forced Fumbles	12	T-6
Clemson	Passing Yards/Game	343.8	7
Clemson	Touchback Pct.	80.90	8
Clemson	Opp. 3rd Down Pct.	30.43	9
Clemson	Opp. Rush Yards/Game	99.82	9
Clemson	Interceptions For	13	T-9
Clemson	Opp. Comp. Pct.	53.3	10
Clemson	4th Down Pct.	76.92	10
Travis Etienne	All-Purpose Yards	1635	4
Travis Etienne	Yards from Scrimmage	1406	7
Travis Etienne	Rushing Touchdowns	13	T-8
Trevor Lawrence	Total Offense/Game	329.3	7
Trevor Lawrence	Passing Yards/Game	305.9	10
Trevor Lawrence	Pass Yards/Attempt	9.6	10
B.T. Potter	Points by a Kicker	111	1
B.T. Potter	Touchback Pct.	87.50	3
B.T. Potter	Field Goals	18	T-3
B.T. Potter	Kickoff Avg.	64.58	4
B.T. Potter	Points (All Players)	111	8

Note: Entering bowl season

PLAYERS PER GAME

One year after leading all AP Top 25 finishers with an average of 72.5 players per game in 2018, Clemson once again lapped the field in average players per game in 2019.

Clemson played an average of 76.0 players per game in 2019, an average that far exceeded all Power Five programs by more than 11 players — *a full unit* — per game.

AVERAGE PLAYERS PER GAME (POWER FIVE TEAMS, 2019)

Rk	Team	Players Per Game
1.	**Clemson**	**76.0**
2.	Georgia	64.6
	Ohio State	64.6
4.	Baylor	63.6

5.	Wisconsin	62.4
6.	Michigan	62.3
7.	Kansas State	62.2
8.	Kansas	61.3
9.	Auburn	61.0
	Ole Miss	61.0

The approach to creating functional depth and rewarding players ready to play has been a key philosophy for Head Coach Dabo Swinney, whose own collegiate playing career was hatched as a walk-on fighting for playing time in Alabama's receiving corps.

"We're fully committed to playing guys who deserve to play," Swinney said. "You commit to a guy early in the season, and even if a guy has only played 10 percent of the snaps, when you get to game eight or nine, they've got some good experience."

That philosophy was on display in record fashion against Charlotte in September 2019, when Clemson played a school-record 111 players. Clemson later played 105 players against Wofford and 93 players against Wake Forest that season as well.

Clemson's high-water mark for player participation this season is 96 against The Citadel in the team's home opener. Clemson approached that mark with 94 against Pitt in November.

MOST PLAYERS PLAYED IN A SINGLE GAME UNDER HEAD COACH DABO SWINNEY

Rk	Opponent	Date	Players
1.	Charlotte	9/21/19	111
2.	Wofford	11/2/19	105
3.	**The Citadel**	**9/19/20**	**96**
4.	**Pitt**	**11/28/20**	**94**
	Louisville	11/3/18	94
	The Citadel	11/18/17	94
7.	Wake Forest	11/16/19	93
	South Carolina State	9/17/16	93
9.	Kent State	9/2/17	91

Even prior to the adoption of new redshirt rules, Clemson routinely played close to 60 players or more per game under Swinney.

AVERAGE PLAYERS PER GAME (CLEMSON, FULL SEASONS UNDER SWINNEY)

Year	Players Per Game	Record
2009	61.4	9-5
2010	58.1	6-7
2011	63.4	10-4
2012	61.5	11-2
2013	65.4	11-2
2014	59.4	10-3
2015	58.6	14-1
2016	62.5	14-1
2017	68.4	12-2
2018*	72.5	15-0
2019	76.0	14-1
2020	**73.2**	**10-1**

* - first year of new redshirt regulations

Clemson opened the season by playing 78 of 80 available players in the season opener at Wake Forest. The only two available Tigers who did not appear in the contest were reserve running back Lyn-J Dixon, who was being held for emergency situations, and reserve placekicker Jonathan Weitz. A week later, 96 of Clemson's 105 dressed players saw action against The Citadel. Clemson has recorded 805 combined man-games out of a possible 1,035 from available players this season, meaning Clemson has played an average of 77.8 percent of its available players in each game this season.

CLEMSON PLAYER PARTICIPATION BY GAME

Date	Opponent	Players Played	Players Available
9/12	at Wake Forest	78	80
9/19	vs. The Citadel	96	105
10/3	vs. Virginia	63	108
10/10	vs. Miami (Fla.)	74	109
10/17	at Georgia Tech	78	79
10/24	vs. Syracuse	65	107
10/31	vs. Boston College	53	104
11/7	at Notre Dame	59	78
11/28	vs. Pitt	94	102
12/5	at Virginia Tech	71	80
12/19	vs. Notre Dame	74	83
Cumulative/Average		**805-of-1035**	**(77.8 percent)**

YOUTH + EXPERIENCE

One year after Clemson returned a school-record 61 lettermen for the 2018 season, Clemson entered the 2019 campaign with a roster that included 80 freshmen and sophomores. Clemson's 2020 squad is a mixture of youth and experience, as Clemson has 60 returning lettermen yet still features a roster that entered the year with 81 players classified as freshmen or sophomores.

In the first year of new redshirt regulations in 2018, Clemson played a then-school-record 20 true freshmen. Clemson immediately shattered that record in its 2019 season opener, with 27 true freshmen making their collegiate debuts in that contest. An additional eight true freshmen made their debuts to push that total to a school-record 36. The only true freshmen not to see game action for Clemson in 2019 were injured linebackers Bryton Constantin and Matthew Maloney.

Clemson's 78-player participation in its 2020 season opener included 22 true freshmen from Clemson's most recent 23-player recruiting class who made their collegiate debuts in the contest. The only Clemson true freshman signee who did not play in the game was DeMonte Capehart, who did not travel with the team.

Capehart made his debut a week later against The Citadel, as did true freshmen walk-ons Hunter Helms, Quinn Castner and Bubba McAtee. Walk-on Will Blackston made his debut in November vs. Pitt. Clemson's 27 true freshman to see game action were the tied for the most in the country as of the end of Clemson's regular season.

MOST FIRST-YEAR FRESHMEN TO APPEAR IN GAME ACTION (CLEMSON SINCE 1982)

Rk	Year	Players
1.	2019	36
2.	**2020**	**27**
3.	2018	20
4.	2015	14
5.	2011	12

MOST FIRST-YEAR FRESHMEN TO APPEAR IN GAME ACTION (FBS, 2020)

Rk	Team	Players
1.	**Clemson**	**27**
	Kansas	27
3.	Air Force	22
4.	UMass	21
	East Carolina	21

Note: Through end of Clemson regular season (Dec. 5)

Clemson's youth has been evident in the starting lineup as well. While the focus on Clemson's experienced offensive backfield created an impression of an overtly veteran roster, Clemson has actually had 26 different players who earned their first career starts at some point in 2020: CB Andrew Booth Jr., DL Bryan Bresee, S Joseph Charleston, TE Braden Galloway, CB Mario Goodrich, CB Malcolm Greene, DE K.J. Henry, LB Mike Jones Jr., CB Sheridan Jones, WR Frank Ladson Jr., DE Justin Mascoll, OT Jordan McFadden, DE Myles Murphy, WR Joseph Ngata, S Jalyn Phillips, WR Cornell Powell, OL Will Putnam, LB Trenton Simpson, LB Baylon Spector, WR Brannon Spector, S Ray Thornton III, QB D.J. Uiagalelei, LB Jake Venables, WR E.J. Williams, DT Jordan Williams and S Lannden Zanders.

Clemson's 26 first-time offensive and defensive starters are tied for the most in the country.

MOST PLAYERS TO MAKE THEIR FIRST START IN 2020 (FBS)

Rk	Team	Players
1.	**Clemson**	**26**
	Navy	26
	Mississippi State	26
	Louisiana-Monroe	26
5.	Army	25
	Air Force	25
7.	Utah State	23
	LSU	23
9.	Kansas State	22
	Temple	22
	Texas State	22
12.	Oklahoma State	20

Note: Entering bowl season; numbers adjusted to reflect only offensive/defensive starters, as a previous number for Air Force (28) included kicker/punter starters as well.

Clemson has started 40 different players this year (38 excluding kicker B.T. Potter and punter Will Spiers). That includes 23 different starters on defense. As first noted by Larry Williams of Tiger Illustrated, the 23 different starters are the Clemson defense's most in a year since Brent Venables' arrival as defensive coordinator in 2012. Clemson's average under Venables has been 16.5, and Clemson's two national title teams of that era in 2016 and 2018 started 16 and 15 different players, respectively.

MOST PLAYERS TO START ON DEFENSE (CLEMSON SINCE 2012)

Rk	Year	Players
1.	**2020**	**23**
2.	2014	21
3.	2012	18
4.	2013	17
5.	2017	16
	2016	16
7.	2018	15
	2015	15
9.	2019	14

MEETING (AND BEATING) THE BEST

Clemson's first Top 25 matchup of the season came in a 42-17 win against No. 7 Miami on Oct. 10. Clemson added another Top 25 win with a 34-10 handling of No. 2 Notre Dame in the ACC Championship Game.

Since 2015, Clemson is 23-4 (.852) against AP Top 25 teams, the second-best winning percentage in the country.

HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE VS. AP TOP 25 TEAMS (SINCE 2015)

Rk	School	Record	Win Pct.
1.	Ohio State	24-4	.857
2.	**Clemson**	**23-4**	**.852**
3.	Alabama	33-6	.846
4.	Oklahoma	23-7	.767
5.	LSU	21-9	.700

Note: min. 5 games; data per SportSource Analytics

Clemson's success hasn't been limited to teams ranked at the time of the game. Since 2015, Clemson leads the nation in winning percentage against teams that finish the season above .500 (including teams above .500 in 2020).

HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE VS. TEAMS THAT FINISH ABOVE .500 (SINCE 2015)

Rk	School	Record	Win Pct.
1.	**Clemson**	**52-5**	**.912**
2.	Alabama	48-6	.889
3.	Ohio State	37-6	.861

4.	Oklahoma	35-10	.778
5.	Georgia	32-14	.696

Note: Includes games against teams above .500 in 2020

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Clemson has won 34 consecutive games against teams unranked in the AP Poll, the program's second-longest such winning streak since the inception of the poll in 1936. Clemson's last defeat at the hands of an unranked squad came in 2017 at Syracuse.

Clemson's longest winning streak against unranked teams came across the 2012-16 seasons, when Clemson won 46 in a row starting with a season-opening win against Auburn in 2012 and ending with an upset loss to Pitt in 2016.

Clemson is 108-12 against AP-unranked teams under Dabo Swinney, including wins in 85 of 87 games against those unranked teams since the start of the 2012 season.

CONSECUTIVE WINS VS. TEAMS UNRANKED IN THE AP POLL (SINCE 1936)

Rk	Years	Streak
1.	2012-16	46
2.	**2017-Present**	**34**
3.	1947-49	14
	1989-91	14
5.	1983-84	13

600-YARD GAMES

After setting a school record with five 600-yard games in 2019, Clemson produced its first 600-yard game of 2020 on Oct. 17 at Georgia Tech when the Tigers accumulated 671 yards in a resounding 73-7 win. Clemson threw for exactly 500 yards in the contest, the second-most in a game in school history but its most in a victory and its most in a road game in school annals.

Clemson outgained Georgia Tech, 671-204, after outgaining Miami by 340 yards a week earlier, helping Clemson outgain consecutive ACC opponents by 300-plus yards for the first time since the Louisville and Boston College games in 2018.

By outgaining Georgia Tech by 467 yards, Clemson tied for its fourth-largest yardage differential in a game since 1953. It was Clemson's second-largest yardage margin against an ACC opponent all-time, trailing only a 497-yard yardage differential against Boston College last season.

TOTAL YARDAGE DIFFERENTIAL (CLEMSON SINCE 1953)

Rk	Year	Opponent	CU-Opp.	Diff.
1.	2014	South Carolina State	735-44	+691
2.	2017	Kent State	665-120	+545
3.	2019	Boston College	674-177	+497
4.	**2020**	**Georgia Tech**	**671-204**	**+467**
	1954	The Citadel	531-64	+467
6.	2000	Wake Forest	623-159	+464
7.	2018	Georgia Southern	595-140	+455
8.	2016	South Carolina State	555-102	+453
9.	2018	Wake Forest	698-249	+449
10.	2019	Wofford	702-256	+446
	2017	The Citadel	662-216	+446

400-YARD GAMES

Clemson has reached the 400-yard mark in each of its first 11 games this season, the second-longest streak to open a season in school history, behind only the 2018 Tigers, which reached the 400-yard mark in all 15 games of their 15-0 national championship season.

Clemson's 11 400-yard games in 2020 are tied for the FBS lead and its 73 400-yard games since 2015 are the most in the country.

MOST CONSECUTIVE 400-YARD GAMES TO OPEN A SEASON (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Year	Games
1.	2018	15*
2.	**2020**	**11***
3.	2000	8
4.	2012	6
	2013	6

* - denotes every game of that season

MOST 400-YARD GAMES (FBS, 2020)

Rk	School	Games
1.	**Clemson**	**11**
	Alabama	11
3.	BYU	10
	North Carolina	10
	Florida	10

Note: entering bowl season

MOST 400-YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Rk	School	Games
1.	**Clemson**	**73**
2.	Oklahoma	70
3.	Alabama	64
4.	Memphis	59
	Oklahoma State	59
	Ohio State	59

COMEBACK FOR THE AGES

On Oct. 31, Clemson trailed Boston College at home, 28-10, with 1:02 remaining in the first half with no remaining timeouts. Quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei then led a 10-play, 42-yard drive in 55 seconds to get a B.T. Potter 50-yard field goal before half. The drive jumpstarted Clemson's comeback 34-28 victory, as the Tigers scored 24 unanswered for the win. Of note:

- Clemson trailed by 18 points in the first half, making the win Clemson's largest home comeback victory in school history. Clemson's largest comeback victory in Death Valley prior to Saturday had come in 1966, when Clemson turned a 17-point 35-18 deficit into a 40-35 win against Virginia.

- The win tied for the second-largest comeback win in school history at any location, matching an 18-point comeback at Maryland in 2011, which had also stood as Clemson's largest comeback win under Dabo Swinney.

- The game was Clemson's 15th victory all-time when trailing by 14 or more points at any point of the game. It was Clemson's sixth such comeback win under Dabo Swinney and its first since the 2019 Fiesta Bowl, when Clemson overcame a 16-point deficit for a win.

- Clemson overcame a 15-point halftime deficit, its largest halftime deficit overcome by Clemson in a victory since overcoming a 21-point halftime deficit in a 29-28 win at Virginia in 1992.

- Clemson trailed by two points entering the fourth quarter. It was Clemson's 10th win under Dabo Swinney when trailing after three quarters and its first since 2018 against Syracuse.

BIGGEST CLEMSON COMEBACK VICTORIES

Date	Opponent	Score	Deficit	Final
10-10-1992	Virginia	0-28	28	29-28
10-15-2011	Maryland	17-35	18	56-45
10-31-2020	**Boston College**	**10-28**	**18**	**34-28**
9-24-1966	**Virginia**	**18-35**	**17**	**40-35**
10-21-2000	North Carolina	0-17	17	38-24
12-28-2019	Ohio State	0-16	16	29-23
9-26-1953	Boston College	0-14	14	14-14
11-17-1962	Maryland	0-14	14	17-14
10-11-1980	Virginia	10-24	14	27-24
11-2-2002	Duke	10-24	14	34-31
11-6-2004	Miami (Fla.)	3-17	14	24-17
10-7-2006	Wake Forest	3-17	14	27-17
9-17-2011	**Auburn**	**7-21**	**14**	**38-24**
11-12-2011	**Wake Forest**	**14-28**	**14**	**31-28**
1-9-2017	Alabama	0-14	14	35-31

Home games in **bold**.

MEMORABLE DAY IN "THE A"

Clemson's 73-7 win at Georgia Tech on Oct. 17 resonated historically. Among the superlatives from that contest:

- Clemson's 66-point victory margin was the largest in a game between two ACC teams since the conference's inception in 1953.

- The 66-point victory margin tied for Clemson's seventh-largest in school history and its largest since a 66-point win against South Carolina State in 2014. It was Clemson's second-largest win all-time against a school presently in the Football Bowl Subdivision, trailing only a 73-0 victory against Georgia Tech in 1903.

VICTORY MARGIN BY CLEMSON

Margin	CU-Opp.	Site - Opponent	Date
+122	122-0	H - Guilford	10-5-1901
+94	94-0	A - Furman	9-25-1915
+76	76-0	H - Presbyterian College	9-22-1945
+75	75-0	H - Newberry	10-17-1930
+73	73-0	A - Georgia Tech	10-17-1903
+68	68-0	H - Newberry	9-21-1929
+66	**73-7**	**A - Georgia Tech**	**10-17-2020**
+66	73-7	H - SC State	9-6-2014
+66	66-0	H - Presbyterian College	9-21-1957

- Clemson's 73 points represented Clemson's third-most against an ACC opponent all-time, trailing its 82-point performance against Wake Forest in 1981 and its 77 points against Louisville in 2018. However, both of those performances came at home, so Saturday's output was the most scored by Clemson in an ACC road game all-time, passing its 63 at Wake Forest in 2018.

- Clemson's 73 points tied for Clemson's second-most points in a road game in school history, trailing its 94 against Furman in 1915 and matching its 73 at Georgia Tech in 1903.

POINTS IN ROAD/NEUTRAL GAME BY CLEMSON

Pts	CU-Opp.	Site - Opponent	Date
94	94-0	A - Furman	9-25-1915
73	**73-7**	**A - Georgia Tech**	**10-17-2020**
73	73-0	A - Georgia Tech	10-17-1903
63	63-3	A - Wake Forest	10-6-2018
63	63-9	N1 - Temple	10-12-2006
63	63-17	A - South Carolina	11-22-2003

- Clemson opened the game with a modern-era school-record 52 points in the first half. Clemson's previous high against an ACC opponent in a first half was 49 in its opening two frames against Wake Forest in its national championship campaign in 1981.

- Clemson produced 473 yards in the first half, only 14 yards shy of the school record for yards in a half (487 vs. Duke in 2012).

- Clemson tied a school record for points in a quarter with 35 in the second quarter, matching its second quarter against Wake Forest in 1981 and its third quarter against North Carolina in 2011.

- Clemson threw seven passing touchdowns, breaking the school record of six set previously against Central Michigan in 2007, against Duke in 2012, against North Carolina in 2014 and against South Carolina in 2016.

- Four different players (including starting punter and emergency quarterback Will Spiers) completed at least two passes and 17 different players caught a pass to contribute to the Tigers' second 500-yard passing day in school history. Clemson's 17 different players recording a reception were its most in a single-game under Dabo Swinney.

MOST DIFFERENT PLAYERS TO RECORD A RECEPTION IN A GAME UNDER DABO SWINNEY

Rk	Opponent	Date	Players
1.	**Georgia Tech**	**10/17/20**	**17**
2.	South Carolina State	9/17/16	15
	Kent State	9/2/17	15
	The Citadel	11/18/17	15
5.	South Carolina State	9/7/13	14
	Charlotte	9/21/19	14
	Georgia Southern	9/15/18	14

WALK-ON QB MAKES CLEMSON HISTORY

Clemson had four different players complete at least two passes in its 73-7 rout of Georgia Tech on Oct. 17. That included 24 completions by starting quarterback Trevor Lawrence, two by reserve quarterback Taisun Phommachanh and two by starting punter/emergency quarterback Will Spiers, but it also featured a 5-for-7 passing performance by true freshman walk-on quarterback Hunter Helms.

Helms' five completions went for 74 yards and two touchdowns, including touchdown passes to running back Kobe Pace and wide receiver Ajou Ajou. Helms became only the third quarterback who joined Clemson as an original walk-on since 1954 to throw a touchdown pass, joining Nick Schuessler (three touchdown passes in 2016) and Donny McElveen (one in 2010).

Helms and Schuessler are the only original walk-on quarterbacks to throw multiple touchdown passes in a game for Clemson, as Helms' two-touchdown game at Georgia Tech joined Schuessler's two-touchdown performance against Syracuse in 2016. However, Schuessler had been placed on scholarship by that point of his career, making Helms the first Clemson quarterback to throw two touchdown passes in a game while still on walk-on status.

RAIN, RAIN, ~~GO AWAY~~ YOU CAN STAY

Clemson played its first rain game of the 2020 season on Oct. 10, when the Tigers faced two sets of Hurricanes: one a football team from Miami, and the other remnants of Hurricane Delta.

Clemson defeated Miami, 42-17, in the rain that evening while winning the turnover margin, 3-1. With the victory, Clemson improved to 10-1 in rain games under Dabo Swinney and pushed its turnover margin in those games to 28-13 (+15).

CLEMSON IN THE RAIN UNDER DABO SWINNEY (10-1)

Year	Opponent	Yds. (Rush-Pass)	TO*	Result
2008	vs. South Carolina	383 (184-199)	2-4	31-14 W
2009	vs. Middle Tenn. St.	361 (202-159)	2-3	37-14 W
2009	vs. Boston College	253 (151-102)	3-4	25-7 W
2009	vs. TCU	309 (117-192)	0-0	14-10 L
2009	vs. Coastal Carolina	400 (252-148)	2-2	49-3 W
2011	at Virginia Tech	323 (119-204)	1-2	23-3 W
2015	vs. Notre Dame	296 (212-84)	1-4	24-22 W
2017	vs. Georgia Tech	428 (221-207)	1-1	24-10 W
2018	at Texas A&M	413 (115-298)	0-2	28-26 W
2018	vs. Pitt [1]	419 (301-118)	0-3	42-10 W
2020	vs. Miami (Fla.)	550 (258-292)	1-3	42-17 W

* Turnovers (CU-Opp.)

[1] ACC Championship Game (Charlotte, N.C.)

HISTORIC PARALLELS IN 2020

By virtue of an open date on Nov. 14 and a postponed game initially scheduled for Nov. 21, Clemson's game against Pitt was its first game action in 21 days. Clemson has had similar (and longer) layoffs prior to postseason play in many years, but the 21-day layoff this year was Clemson's longest between regular season games in a single season since 1918, when Clemson went 28 days between games against Georgia Tech and South Carolina.

That year also marked the last major pandemic in American history, as the Spanish Flu and — of greater impact — World War I combined to affect the 1918 college football season. That year, Clemson played its second game of the season on Oct. 5 at Georgia Tech, but did not play games against Auburn (Oct. 19) and South Carolina (Oct. 31) as scheduled. Clemson finally returned to action against South Carolina on Nov. 2, a 39-0 Clemson win.

The United States War Department ruled that Student Army Training Corps schools, of which Clemson was one, could not have its students away for more than 24 hours on football trips for portions of that year.

That rule created some invention by necessity on Nov. 16, when Clemson and The Citadel agreed to play their annual game at a neutral site at South Carolina's stadium. With the game at that location, both schools' cadets and football teams were able to make the trip to Columbia and return to duty on time. Clemson's John O'Dell scored the game's only touchdown, as the Tigers won 7-0, and both teams made it back to their campuses before their passes expired.

Clemson had also hoped to play an in-state contest against Wofford on Oct. 26, 1918. A story from The Tiger Newspaper archived by Clemson University Special Collections and featured by WYFF indicated that Clemson awaited the Wofford team at the train station, but Wofford's delegation did not arrive. The story reported that a telegram was sent from Wofford saying the team was on the way, but a second indicated "military authorities would not grant their permission to come over and play the game."

On Nov. 21 this year, Clemson traveled to Tallahassee and was prepared to play against Florida State until the game was postponed roughly three hours prior to kickoff. The last time Clemson had a game postponed after the team had already traveled to the site was in 1963, when the Tigers were slated to play South Carolina on Saturday, Nov. 23. That game was postponed following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The teams would play on Thanksgiving Day, with Clemson earning a 24-20 win.

In 2001, Clemson's scheduled Sept. 15 game against Duke was postponed midweek following the Sept. 11 attacks. That game was moved to Dec. 1, 2001. Clemson's game against Virginia Tech on Dec. 5 this year was Clemson's first December regular season game since that postponed Duke game in 2001 and represented Clemson's latest regular season finale since Dec. 8, 1928 against The Citadel.

OFFENSIVE BALANCE

Clemson has featured remarkable offensive balance while qualifying for the College Football Playoff National Championship Game in each of the last two years. Clemson has averaged at least 200 rushing yards and 200 passing yards per game four times in school history, with two of those seasons occurring in the 2018 and 2019 campaigns.

Clemson exceeded the 200/200 mark rushing and passing in 2019 by averaging 240.4 rushing yards per game and 288.3 passing yards per game. Clemson was one of only three teams in 2019 to average at least 240 yards per game in each category, along with fellow CFP participants Ohio State and Oklahoma. Clemson broke the 3,000-yard mark both rushing and passing in 2019, making the campaign only the third 3,000/3,000 season in school history (2015 and 2018).

Clemson has exceeded both 200 passing yards and 200 rushing yards in 53 games under Dabo Swinney, posting a perfect record in those contests. Clemson's 19 such games since the start of the 2018 season are tied for the most in the country.

GAMES WITH 200 RUSHING YARDS AND 200 PASSING YARDS (SINCE 2018)

Rk	School	Games
1.	**Clemson**	**19**
	Oklahoma	19
	Ohio State	19
	UCF	19
5.	Memphis	17

Clemson was one of only six FBS programs to both rush and pass for at least 6,000 yards each across the 2018-19 seasons. Clemson was the only of those six schools to reach both 7,000 rushing yards and 7,000 passing yards in that span.

FBS TEAMS WITH 6,000 RUSHING YARDS AND 6,000 PASSING YARDS (2018-19)

Rk	School	Rush Yds.	Pass Yds.	Total Yds
1.	**Clemson**	**7,329**	**8,510**	**15,839**
2.	Oklahoma	6,827	8,684	15,511
3.	Ohio State	6,133	8,784	14,917
4.	Memphis	6,533	7,582	14,115
5.	UCF	6,357	7,464	13,821
6.	Louisiana	6,666	6,192	12,858

TIGHT END RENAISSANCE

Last year, Clemson tight ends combined for 26 receptions for 239 yards and no scores in 2019. A year earlier, the Tigers recorded 17 catches for 161 yards and two scores by tight ends in 2018.

With junior tight end Braden Galloway returning in 2020 after playing only in the College Football Playoff a year ago to join a group that included talented sophomore Davis Allen and veteran J.C. Chalk, observers anticipated more influence from the tight ends in the Clemson offense in 2020.

That anticipation became reality in the season opener against Wake Forest when Galloway, Allen and Chalk combined for seven catches for 114 yards and a touchdown.

"When you have a great tight end in there that's a threat down the field, it just creates more matchup problems," Head Coach Dabo Swinney said following the game.

The group's 114 yards at Wake Forest ranked as the third-most receiving yards for the tight end position in a single game under Swinney, eight yards shy of the top mark of 122 against Florida State in 2016. It was the sixth game of at least 100 receiving yards by Clemson tight ends in the Swinney era.

The unit put together another superlative performance on Oct. 10 against Miami, as Braden Galloway (four receptions for 114 yards with two touchdowns) and Davis Allen (22-yard receiving touchdown) combined for five catches for 96 yards and three touchdowns. It was the first time that Clemson tight ends combined for three scores in a game.

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY TIGHT ENDS IN A SINGLE GAME UNDER DABO SWINNEY

Rk	Game (Players)	Season	Rec-Yds-TD
1.	at Florida State Jordan Leggett (5-122-1)	2016	5-122-1
2.	at South Carolina Michael Palmer (8-106-1), Dwayne Allen (1-12)	2009	9-118-1
3.	**at Wake Forest** **B. Galloway (5-60), D. Allen (1-42), J. Chalk (1-12-1)**	**2020**	**7-114-1**
4.	at Miami (Fla.) Michael Palmer (5-74-1), Dwayne Allen (4-36)	2009	9-110-1
5.	vs. Florida State Jordan Leggett (6-101)	2015	6-101-0
	vs. NC State Brandon Ford (5-101-2)	2012 5-101-2	5-101-2
7.	vs. Wake Forest Dwayne Allen (4-48), Brandon Ford (3-51-1)	2011	7-99-1

8.	**vs. Miami (Fla.)**	**2020**	**5-96-3**
	Braden Galloway (4-74-2), Davis Allen (1-22-1)		
9.	vs. NC State	2011	8-95-0
	Brandon Ford (5-77), Dwayne Allen (3-18)		
	vs. Pitt	2016	6-95-0
	Jordan Leggett (6-95)		
	vs. Alabama	2016	7-95-0
	Jordan Leggett (7-95)		

Note: Clemson's most receptions by tight ends in a single game under Swinney is 10 for 74 yards vs. LSU in 2012 Peach Bowl.

This season has been the most productive for Clemson tight ends since the 2016 National Championship team featured the play of All-American Jordan Leggett. Clemson tight ends had 797 receiving yards that year, most in the Swinney era, on 52 catches.

The record for receptions for the tight end position under Swinney is 65, in 2011 when the Tigers featured John Mackey Award winner Dwayne Allen.

TIGHT END PRODUCTION BY SEASON (CLEMSON UNDER DABO SWINNEY)

Year	GP	Rec	Yards	TD
2008	7*	8	90	1
2009	14	54	617	8
2010	13	43	451	3
2011	14	65	782	10
2012	13	55	609	10
2013	13	44	495	7
2014	13	31	381	3
2015	15	43	550	8
2016	15	52	797	7
2017	14	27	314	2
2018	15	17	161	2
2019	15	26	239	0
2020	**11**	**46**	**591**	**7**

* - Swinney served as interim head coach for the final seven games

YARDS PER PLAY

Clemson shattered its school record for yards per play in 2018 at 7.35, the program's first time exceeding seven yards per play in a season. That record stood for barely 12 months until Clemson broke it again in 2019 by averaging 7.38 yards per play. Clemson is averaging 6.72 yards per play in 2020, on pace to be the third-best mark in school history.

MOST YARDS PER PLAY (CLEMSON HISTORY)

Rk	Year	No.
1.	2019	7.38
2.	2018	7.35
3.	**2020**	**6.72**
4.	2006	6.50
5.	2015	6.39

In 2018-19, Clemson became only the third school since 2000 to average 7.35 or better yards per play in back-to-back seasons, joining Alabama, which did it across 2018-19, and Oklahoma, which was in the midst of a four-year streak across the 2016-19 seasons.

650-POINT SEASONS

Clemson scored 659 points in 2019, concluding the season only five points shy of tying the school record of 664 set in 2018. Clemson is responsible for two of the 22 650-point seasons in major college football history and two of only 16 since Division I split in 1978. Clemson was the first school with back-to-back 650-point seasons since Yale in 1888-89, predating the start of official NCAA recordkeeping in 1937 and the second year of which was coincidentally the year Clemson was founded.

650-POINT SEASONS (MAJOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY)

Rk	School	Season	Points
1.	Harvard	1886	765
2.	LSU	2019	726
3.	Minnesota	1904	725
4.	Florida State	2013	723
5.	Oklahoma	2008	716
6.	Yale	1888	694
7.	Houston	2011	690
8.	Yale	1886	687
9.	Alabama	2018	684
10.	Oregon	2014	681
11.	Baylor	2013	681
12.	Oklahoma	2018	677
13.	Ohio State	2014	672
14.	**Clemson**	**2018**	**664**
15.	Yale	1889	664
16.	Tulsa	2008	661
17.	Harvard	1887	660
18.	**Clemson**	**2019**	**659**
19.	Ohio State	2019	656
20.	Hawaii	2006	656
21.	Nebraska	1983	654
22.	Texas	2005	652

Source: Sports-Reference

CLOSE-GAME SUCCESS

Though Clemson has not played a large number of one-possession games in recent years, the Tigers have proven very adept at winning such contests since 2011. In that span, the Tigers have played 32 games with a final margin of eight points or less, and Clemson's .844 winning percentage in those one-possession contests is the best in the country in that time frame.

Clemson's win against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl last season pitted the nation's top two teams in one-score games since 2011 against one another in a win-or-go-home one-possession game. With the six-point win, Clemson improved to 26-4 in one-score games in that span, reaching the mark against a Buckeye squad that entered the game with a .735 winning percentage since 2011 in one-score games.

Clemson is 1-1 in one-score games this season, including a win vs. Boston College and a double-overtime loss at Notre Dame.

HIGHEST WINNING PCT., GAMES DECIDED BY EIGHT POINTS OR LESS (SINCE 2011)

Rk	School	W	L	G	Win %
1.	**Clemson**	**27**	**5**	**32**	**.844**
2.	Ohio State	26	10	36	.722
3.	Liberty	9	4	13	.692
4.	Louisiana	28	14	42	.667
	Cincinnati	26	13	39	.667
6.	Oklahoma	25	13	38	.658
7.	Oklahoma State	28	15	43	.651
8.	Michigan State	29	17	46	.630
9.	Notre Dame	32	19	51	.627
10.	Georgia	28	17	45	.622

OWNING THE "MIDDLE EIGHT"

During its current run of five consecutive College Football Playoff appearances dating to 2015, Clemson has frequently won one of the hidden "games within the game."

SportSource Analytics tracks the "Middle Eight," the section of the game defined as the final four minutes of the first half and the first four minutes of the second half. Clemson has outscored opponents in that time window 54 times since 2015, posting a 52-2 record in those contests.

Clemson was historically strong in that category in 2018, outscoring opponents 132-10 in the middle eight, an average margin of +8.1 points per game. That per-game differential was the largest by any program in the country since 2013. Clemson outscored opponents in the Middle Eight 10 times in 2019, posting a 108-24 advantage in that time window.

Last year, Clemson recorded a critical middle eight performance in its 2019 Fiesta Bowl win against Ohio State. Trailing 16-0 prior to the final four minutes of the first half, Clemson scored 14 points in the half's waning minutes to pull the halftime deficit to two. The 14-point momentum swing in that span helped Clemson to victory in the fifth-largest comeback in school history.

Clemson's top performance in the Middle Eight so far in 2020 came in its 73-3 win against Georgia Tech on Oct. 17. Clemson finished +21 in the category by virtue of three touchdowns in the final four minutes of the first half.

"MIDDLE EIGHT" DIFFERENTIAL (CLEMSON SINCE 2015)

Year	M8 Pts. For	M8 Pts. Against	Diff.	Record*
2015	75	43	+32	8-0
2016	95	50	+45	8-0
2017	71	6	+65	8-1
2018	132	10	+122	12-0
2019	108	24	+84	10-0
2020	85	53	+31	6-1

* - Record in games when outscoring teams in the middle eight

-- OFFENSIVE LINE --

ALL-CONFERENCE O-LINEMEN

As Clemson climbed into the elite echelon of college football programs during the last decade, observers posited that Clemson's rise coincided with the rapid ascent of its offensive line play.

From 2015-19, the Tigers produced a total of 22 All-ACC selections along the offensive line, including 10 first-team honors. Clemson's 22 all-conference selections by offensive linemen are the most of any Power Five program, and its 10 first-team selections were tied with Oklahoma for the most in that span.

MOST ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS BY OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (2015-19)

Rk	School	Conference	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**ACC**	**22**
2.	Ohio State	Big Ten	18
3.	Michigan	Big Ten	15
4.	Oklahoma	Big 12	14
5.	Wisconsin	Big Ten	12
	Alabama	SEC	12
7.	Pitt	ACC	11
8.	Iowa	Big Ten	10
9.	LSU	SEC	9
	Washington	Pac-12	9
	USC	Pac-12	9

Note: Power Five Schools

MOST FIRST-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS BY OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (2015-19)

Rk	School	Conference	No.
1.	**Clemson**	**ACC**	**10**
	Oklahoma	Big 12	10
3.	Ohio State	Big Ten	9
4.	Washington	Pac-12	8
5.	Wisconsin	Big Ten	7
	Alabama	SEC	7
7.	LSU	SEC	5
	Georgia	SEC	5
9.	USC	Pac-12	4
	Utah	Pac-12	4
	Stanford	Pac-12	4

Note: Power Five Schools

PASS PROTECTION

Clemson's protection for quarterback Trevor Lawrence has taken on an almost-mythical quality in recent years, according to Syracuse Head Coach Dino Babers, whose own prolific 2019 defensive line was held without a sack against Clemson last year.

"[It's like] Game of Thrones. He's got a castle, he's got a moat, he's got some dragons. That dude's *protected*." Babers said.

The standard remains high for Clemson's 2020 unit, which features four new starters. Last year, led by four seniors, Clemson's 2019 offensive line was named as a Joe Moore Award semifinalist, and its metrics compared favorably to the four lines that went on to be named as finalists, including the LSU squad that earned the award and helped lead the Bayou Bengals to a national championship. The unit has also been selected as a Joe Moore Award "Unit of Interest" in 2020.

2019 OFFENSIVE LINE COMPARISON: CLEMSON VS. JOE MOORE AWARD FINALISTS

School	TFL%	Sack %	4+ Yd. Rush %	OL Eff.
Clemson	**7.5 (9)**	**3.4 (8)**	**56.7 (1)**	**104.6 (1)**
LSU*	8.8 (35)	5.8 (63)	44.2 (51)	79.9 (21)
Alabama	8.6 (27)	2.9 (4)	50.2 (7)	92.9 (5)
Ohio State	9.5 (60)	7.9 (98)	48.1 (17)	79.3 (23)
Oregon	8.6 (29)	5.3 (46)	45.0 (35)	63.9 (56)

Source: SportSource Analytics

* - Won Joe Moore Award; national ranks in parentheses

Though Clemson's 2020 offensive line featured four new starters from 2019, the unit did not lack experience among its starting five. Clemson's four new starters — Matt Bockhorst, Cade Stewart, Will Putnam and Jordan McFadden — entered the 2020 season with 1,821 combined offensive snaps in their careers as a function of Clemson's philosophy of developing its depth by furnishing playing time for reserves whenever possible.

Swinney was effusive in his praise of his starting offensive line's performance in Week 1, describing it to his team as "poetry in motion" and "as good of an offensive line performance as we've had in my time here."

"Our offensive line, I'm telling you, that first group – I don't think I've ever had so much fun watching and grading the tape," Swinney said of the line's performance against Wake Forest. "It was just awesome to watch those guys play... They do a lot of moving, and we just handled it so well. That set the tone for everything."

TRENCH WARFARE

Clemson's success in its 39-2 run since 2018 has been powered in part at the line of scrimmage, where Clemson holds a 145-53 edge over opponents in sacks in that time frame, including a 44-18 edge this season. Clemson's +92 margin in sacks since 2018 is by far the top differential in the country, as no other program can boast a sack differential greater than +70 since 2018.

SACK DIFFERENTIAL (SINCE 2018)

Rk	School	Sacks For	Sacks Against	Differential
1.	**Clemson**	**145**	**53**	**+92**
2.	Buffalo	94	24	+70
3.	Alabama	109	44	+65
4.	UAB	113	52	+61
5.	Florida	119	62	+57
6.	Marshall	102	53	+49
7.	NC State	102	58	+44
8.	Pittsburgh	129	88	+41
	Western Michigan	86	45	+41
10	Iowa	90	50	+40
	Air Force	53	13	+40

-- NOTABLE --

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Clemson has matched its on-field success in recent years with national acclaim for its success in the classroom. Of note:

- Clemson set a program record in APR in the NCAA's most recent figures released in May 2020, recording a multi-year APR score of 993 for the 2018-19 academic year. The performance marked the third straight year Clemson broke its program record in the metric after breaking its 992 from 2017-18, which had broken its 987 mark from 2016-17.

- Clemson's 993 multi-year APR ranked fourth in the Power Five and fifth among FBS programs, trailing only Washington (999), Ole Miss (997), Northwestern (995) and Air Force (995). That metric covered a four-year span in which Clemson matched its off-field success with on-field accolades that included a 55-4 record, four College Football Playoff appearances and two national championships.

- The NCAA recognized Clemson with its annual APR Public Recognition Award, which is bestowed upon programs ranking in the Top 10 percent of their respective sports. Only 37 of the 130 FBS programs have earned at least one APR recognition since the 2009-10 academic year. Only 30 of them have earned it multiple times. Clemson, Duke and Northwestern programs are the only ones to earn the award nine or more times in that 10-year span.

- Clemson is one of only six FBS programs with an active streak of having earned an APR Public Recognition Award in each of the last three academic years, a group that also includes Air Force, Boston College, Navy, Northwestern and Washington.

- With its most recent award for the 2018-19 academic year, Clemson is now the only FBS program since the NCAA created the APR metric in 2003 to win a national championship and an APR Public Recognition Award in the same year multiple times. Alabama is the only other school to accomplish the title/APR double in a single year once (2011-12 academic year).

NCAA ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE PUBLIC RECOGNITION AWARDS (SINCE 2009-10)

Rk	School	Years
1.	Northwestern	10
2.	**Clemson**	**9**
	Duke	9
4.	Air Force	8
	Stanford	8

APR LEADERS (FBS, 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR)

Rk	School	APR
1.	Washington	999
2.	Ole Miss	997
3.	Northwestern	995
	Air Force	995
5.	**Clemson**	**993**

CLEMSON MULTI-YEAR APR RECORDS

Rk	Academic Year	APR
1.	2018-19	993
2.	2017-18	992
3.	2016-17	987
4.	2011-12	985
5.	2013-14	984

In addition to the APR honors, in November 2019, the AFCA announced that Clemson had repeated as Academic Achievement Award winners, making Clemson the only school in the country to earn the award across both of the 2018-19 seasons. Clemson had earned the award a year earlier as well in the midst of major college football's first 15-0 season since 1897.

TIGERS DOMINATE FALL SEMESTER

In the face of one of the most abnormal learning environments in the history of the university, Clemson's student-athletes responded to academic adversity impressively this semester. Among Clemson's academic achievements for the Fall 2020 semester were:

- A program-record 72 individuals earned a 3.0 GPA or better, including 11 perfect 4.0s. Among the freshmen, seven of Clemson's eight summer enrollees earned a 3.0 or better in their initial semester on campus, as did three of the four summer preferred walk-ons.

- Seventeen current football student-athletes graduated in December, including Elijah Turner, who earned a second degree by securing a Master's in athletic leadership and graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Twelve different majors were represented by this year's graduates.

- Three players completed their undergraduate degrees in three years (K.J. Henry, Trevor Lawrence and Xavier Thomas) afer all enrolled in January 2018. In recent history, the only other scholarship players to graduate from Clemson in this time frame were Christian Wilkins (2.5 years), Deshaun Watson and Artavis Scott (three years).

- Eight of the 17 fall graduates did so with honors, completing their degrees with a cumulative GPA over a 3.0: Matt Bockhorst, Peter Cote, Justin Foster, K.J. Henry, Trevor Lawrence, Darien Rencher, Will Spiers and Elijah Turner.

- Clemson enters bowl season with 23 graduates on the roster. Included in this number are double graduates Nyles Pinckney (Sociology and Criminal Justice) and Elijah Turner (Communication and Athletic Leadership). Nine of the 23 are enrolled in or have applied to graduate programs at Clemson while continuing their eligibility.

MOST GRADUATES ON POSTSEASON ROSTER

Rk	School	Graduates
1.	Alabama	25
	Temple	25
	West Virginia	25
4.	**Clemson**	**23**
	Cincinnati	23
	Coastal Carolina	23
7.	SMU	22
8.	Notre Dame	21
	Texas A&M	21
10.	Auburn	20
	Georgia Southern	20
	Ohio State	20
	Oklahoma State	20

ACC: WE DO THIS

Entering the 2020 season, the ACC was tied for the most football national titles of any conference since 2013 (three of the last seven). The conference had a team in either the College Football Playoff or the BCS National Championship Game in each of the past seven years, a streak that was extended to eight when the ACC accounted for half of the College Football Playoff field with the selections of No. 2 Clemson and No. 4 Notre Dame.

The success in 2020 was a continuation of the conference's success under more normal circumstances in years prior. In the pre-pandemic world, no conference produced more bowl teams in 2019 than the ACC, which placed 10 of its 14 members in bowl games. With the selection of 10 teams in 2019, the ACC had 42 bowl teams from 2016-19, including double-digit selections all four years (11 in 2016, 10 in 2017, 11 in 2018 and 10 in 2019).

MOST BOWL TEAMS BY CONFERENCE (2019)

Rk	Conference	No.
1.	**ACC**	**10**
2.	Big Ten	9
	SEC	9
4.	Conference USA	8
5.	AAC	7
6.	MAC	7
	Mountain West	7
	Pac-12	7
9.	Big 12	6
10.	Sun Belt	5

Note: Three independent programs also earned bowl appearances.

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

Clemson's 2020 roster has many connections to college and professional athletics. Below is a list of the connections:

- J.C. Chalk, TE: Grandson of former Alabama coach Gene Stallings, who was Dabo Swinney's head coach at Alabama when Swinney was a player.

- Peter Cote, S, and David Cote, LB: Brother, Kyle, was a safety on Clemson's 2016 and 2018 national championship teams.

- Carson Donnelly, DB: Father, Chris, played at Alabama with Dabo Swinney.

- Hamp Greene, WR: Son of Hamp Greene, who was a kicker on Alabama's 1992 national championship squad with Dabo Swinney.

- K.J. Henry, DE: Son of Keith Henry, current nickelbacks coach and special teams coordinator at Western Carolina.

- Jake Herbstreit, CB, and Tye Herbstreit, WR: Sons of former Ohio State quarterback Kirk Herbstreit.

- Trent Howard, OL: Father, Johnny Howard, played at Alabama with Dabo Swinney.

- Mike Jones Jr., LB: Son of Mike Jones Sr., who played at NC State prior to a nine-year NFL career with the Cardinals, Patriots, Rams and Titans.

- Myles Murphy, DE: Father, Willard, played at Tennessee-Chattanooga.

- Joseph Ngata, WR: Brother of Washington linebacker Ariel Ngata.

- Ruke Orhorhoro, DE: Cousin of three family members who played or are still playing college football — Michael Ojemudia (Iowa), Mario Ojemudia (Michigan) and Ovie Oghoufo (Notre Dame).

- Luke Price, TE: Brother of former Clemson offensive lineman Phillip Price.

- Amari Rodgers, WR: Son of former Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin.

- Will Swinney, WR, and Drew Swinney, WR: Sons of Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

- James Skalski, LB: Father, John, played football at Oklahoma.

- Baylon Spector, LB, and Brannon Spector, WR: Sons of former Clemson receiver Robbie Spector.

- Will Spiers, P: Son of former Clemson punter and baseball All-American Bill Spiers.

- Nolan Turner, SS: Son of former Alabama player Kevin Turner, who also played eight years in the NFL with New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles.

- Regan Upshaw, DE: Son of nine-year NFL defensive tackle Regan Upshaw; brother of Michigan defensive lineman Taylor Upshaw.

- Jake Venables, LB, and Tyler Venables, S: Sons of Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables.

FATHER-SON LEGACIES ON 2020 ROSTER

Player	Father (Clemson Years)
Baylon Spector, LB	Robbie Spector, WR (1988-90)
Brannon Spector, WR	Robbie Spector, WR (1988-90)
Will Spiers, P	Bill Spiers, P (1986)

ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACHES WITH SONS PLAYING AT THE FBS LEVEL

Coach (School)	Son(s) (School)
Tom Allen (Indiana)	Thomas (Indiana)
Dana Holgorsen (Houston)	Logan (Houston)
Phillip Montgomery (Tulsa)	Cannon (Tulsa)
Ken Niumatalolo (Navy)	Ali'i (Utah)
Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	**Will & Drew (Clemson)**

Clemson's roster also includes six sets of brothers (David/Peter Cote, James/Jacob Edwards, Jake/Tye Herbstreit, Baylon/Brannon Spector, Will/Drew Swinney and Jake/Tyler Venables), including two sets of twins (Edwards and Herbstreit). Clemson's brotherly love on its 2020 roster is the most in the country this season.

SETS OF BROTHERS ON 2020 ROSTERS

Rk	Team	Sets of Brothers
1.	**Clemson**	**6**
2.	BYU	4
	Nebraska	4
	UAB	4
5.	Many tied	3

TIGERS IN THE NFL

As of Dec. 20, 41 players from Clemson were under NFL contracts, including players on active rosters, reserve lists and practice squads:

FORMER TIGERS IN THE NFL (AS OF DEC. 20)

Player	Pos.	NFL Team
Mackensie Alexander	CB	Cincinnati Bengals
Tremayne Anchrum	G	Los Angeles Rams
Vic Beasley Jr.	LB	Las Vegas Raiders
Bashaud Breeland	CB	Kansas City Chiefs
Austin Bryant	DE	Detroit Lions
Deon Cain	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
Clelin Ferrell	DE	Las Vegas Raiders
Mark Fields II	CB	Houston Texans
Wayne Gallman Jr.	RB	New York Giants
B.J. Goodson	LB	Cleveland Browns
T.J. Green	CB	Atlanta Falcons
Tee Higgins	WR	Cincinnati Bengals
DeAndre Hopkins	WR	Arizona Cardinals
Albert Huggins	DT	Detroit Lions
Adam Humphries	WR	Tennessee Titans
Mitch Hyatt	T	Dallas Cowboys
Grady Jarrett	DT	Atlanta Falcons
Jayron Kearse	S	Detroit Lions
Dexter Lawrence II	DT	New York Giants
Shaq Lawson	DE	Miami Dolphins
Jordan Leggett	TE	Denver Broncos
Ray-Ray McCloud III	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
Trayvon Mullen	CB	Las Vegas Raiders
Tanner Muse	LB	Las Vegas Raiders
Dorian O'Daniel	LB	Kansas City Chiefs
Bradley Pinion	P	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
D.J. Reader	DT	Cincinnati Bengals
Hunter Renfrow	WR	Las Vegas Raiders
Artavis Scott	WR	Houston Texans
Tyler Shatley	G	Jacksonville Jaguars
Isaiah Simmons	LB	Arizona Cardinals
John Simpson	G	Las Vegas Raiders
Cordrea Tankersley	CB	Minnesota Vikings
A.J. Terrell	CB	Atlanta Falcons
K'Von Wallace	S	Philadelphia Eagles
Carlos Watkins	DE	Houston Texans
Sammy Watkins	WR	Kansas City Chiefs
Deshaun Watson	QB	Houston Texans
Christian Wilkins	DT	Miami Dolphins
DeShawn Williams	DT	Denver Broncos
Mike Williams	WR	Los Angeles Chargers

2020 AWARDS AND HONORS

HEAD COACH DABO SWINNEY
- Paul "Bear" Bryant Award Finalist
- Eddie Robinson Award Finalist
- George Munger Award Semifinalist

NO. 1 CB DERION KENDRICK
- First-Team All-ACC
- First-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. Miami)

NO. 2 WR FRANK LADSON JR.
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. The Citadel)

NO. 3 WR AMARI RODGERS
- Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist
- First-Team All-ACC
- First-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- ACC Receiver of the Week (at Georgia Tech)
- PFF Team of the Week (at Georgia Tech)

NO. 5 QB D.J. UIAGALELEI
- ACC Rookie of the Week (vs. Boston College)
- ACC Rookie of the Week (at Notre Dame)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (vs. Boston College)
- FWAA Fresh Four (vs. Boston College)
- FWAA Fresh Four (at Notre Dame)

NO. 6 LB MIKE JONES JR.
- Second-Team All-ACC (PFF)

NO. 9 RB TRAVIS ETIENNE
- Doak Walker Award Finalist
- Paul Hornung Award Finalist
- Maxwell Award Semifinalist
- Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Semifinalist
- First-Team All-American, All-Purpose (ESPN.com)
- Second-Team All-American, Running Back (The Athletic)
- Second-Team All-American, Running Back (USA Today)
- First-Team All-ACC Running Back
- First-Team All-ACC All-Purpose
- Second-Team All-ACC Running Back (Associated Press)
- Second-Team All-ACC All-Purpose (Associated Press)
- Second-Team All-ACC Running Back (PFF)
- ACC Running Back of the Week (vs. Boston College)
- Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Boston College)
- Hornung Award Honor Roll (ACC Championship Game)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. Virginia)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. Miami)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. Boston College)

NO. 10 LB BAYLON SPECTOR
- Second-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- Walter Camp Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Virginia)
- ACC Linebacker of the Week (vs. Virginia)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. Boston College)

NO. 11 DT BRYAN BRESEE
- Freshman All-American (The Athletic)
- ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year
- First-Team All-ACC
- First-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- PFF True Freshman of the Week (at Wake Forest)
- PFF True Freshman of the Week (vs. The Citadel)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. The Citadel)

NO. 15 LB JAKE VENABLES
- Third-Team All-ACC (PFF)

NO. 16 QB TREVOR LAWRENCE
- Heisman Trophy Finalist
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Maxwell Award Finalist
- Manning Award Finalist
- Davey O'Brien Award Finalist
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Finalist
- Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Semifinalist
- Second-Team All-American (The Athletic)
- ACC Player of the Year
- ACC Offensive Player of the Year
- ACC Offensive Player of the Year (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-ACC
- First-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- First-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- ACC Quarterback of the Week (at Wake Forest)
- ACC Quarterback of the Week (vs. Miami)
- ACC Quarterback of the Week (at Georgia Tech)
- ACC Quarterback of the Week (vs. Pitt)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (at Wake Forest)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (vs. Miami)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (at Georgia Tech)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (vs. Pitt)
- Manning Award Quarterback of the Week (at Georgia Tech)
- Davey O'Brien Award Quarterback Class of 2020
- Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week (at Wake Forest)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 List (at Wake Forest)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 List (vs. Miami)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 List (at Georgia Tech)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 List (vs. Pitt)
- PFF Team of the Week (at Wake Forest)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. The Citadel)
- PFF Team of the Week (at Georgia Tech)
- CFPA Honorable Mention National Performer of the Week (at Wake Forest)
- CFPA Honorable Mention National Performer of the Week (vs. The Citadel)
- CFPA Honorable Mention National Performer of the Week (at Georgia Tech)

NO. 17 WR CORNELL POWELL
- Third-Team All-ACC
- ACC Receiver of the Week (vs. Pitt)

NO. 21 RB DARIEN RENCHER
- DIsney Spirit Award

NO. 21 CB MALCOLM GREENE
- PFF True Freshman of the Week (vs. Pitt)

NO. 22 WR WILL SWINNEY
- William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist

NO. 23 CB ANDREW BOOTH JR.
- Second-Team All-ACC
- Second-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- Second-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- ACC Defensive Back of the Week (vs. Virginia)
- PFF Team of the Week (vs. Virginia)
- Thorpe Award Player of the Week Honorable Mention (vs. Virginia)

NO. 24 S NOLAN TURNER
- Second-Team All-American (USA Today)
- First-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- Second-Team All-ACC
- Second-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- PFF Team of the Week (at Georgia Tech)

NO. 29 PK B.T. POTTER
- Lou Groza Award Semifinalist

NO. 31 CB MARIO GOODRICH
- ACC Defensive Back of the Week (vs. Pitt)
- Thorpe Award Player of the Week Honorable Mention (vs. Pitt)

NO. 47 LB JAMES SKALSKI
- Second-Team All-ACC
- Second-Team All-ACC (PFF)

NO. 48 P WILL SPIERS
- Burlsworth Trophy Semifinalist
- ACC Specialist of the Week (vs. Syracuse)
- Ray Guy Award Ray's 4 Selection (vs. The Citadel)

NO. 62 OL CADE STEWART
- ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Virginia)

NO. 65 OL MATT BOCKHORST
- Second-Team All-ACC

NO. 71 OT JORDAN MCFADDEN
- Second-Team All-ACC (PFF)

NO. 79 OT JACKSON CARMAN
- Second-Team All-American (CBS Sports)
- Second-Team All-ACC
- Second-Team All-ACC (Associated Press)
- Third-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Boston College)

NO. 98 DE MYLES MURPHY
- Freshman All-American (The Athletic)
- ACC Co-Newcomer of the Year (Associated Press)
- Third-Team All-ACC (PFF)
- ACC Rookie of the Week (at Virginia Tech)

OFFENSIVE LINE
- Joe Moore Award Unit of Interest

DEPTH CHARTS

CLEMSON OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.
LT	**79**	**JACKSON CARMAN**	**6-5**	**335**	**Jr.**
	64	Walker Parks	6-5	295	Fr.
LG	**65**	**MATT BOCKHORST**	**6-4**	**315**	***Jr.**
	57	Paul Tchio	6-5	300	Fr.
C	**62**	**CADE STEWART**	**6-3**	**305**	***Gr.**
	54	Mason Trotter	6-2	280	*Fr.
	55	Hunter Rayburn	6-4	320	*Fr.
RG	**56**	**WILL PUTNAM**	**6-4**	**300**	**So.**
	52	Tayquon Johnson	6-2	340	*Fr.
RT	**71**	**JORDAN McFADDEN**	**6-2**	**300**	***So.**
	77	Mitchell Mayes	6-3	300	Fr.
TE	**88**	**BRADEN GALLOWAY**	**6-4**	**240**	**Jr.**
	84	Davis Allen	6-6	250	So.
	25	J.C. Chalk	6-3	255	*Sr.
WR	**17**	**CORNELL POWELL**	**6-0**	**210**	***Sr.**
	2	Frank Ladson Jr.	6-3	205	So.
	11	Ajou Ajou	6-3	215	Fr.
QB	**16**	**TREVOR LAWRENCE**	**6-6**	**220**	**Jr.**
	5	D.J. Uiagalelei	6-4	250	Fr.
	7	Taisun Phommachanh	6-3	220	*Fr.
RB	**9**	**TRAVIS ETIENNE**	**5-10**	**205**	**Sr.**
	23	Lyn-J Dixon	5-10	195	Jr.
	21	Darien Rencher	5-8	195	*Sr.
or	27	Chez Mellusi	5-11	200	So.
WR	**3**	**AMARI RODGERS**	**5-10**	**210**	**Sr.**
	22	Will Swinney	5-9	185	Sr.
WR	**6**	**E.J. WILLIAMS**	**6-3**	**190**	**Fr.**
	13	Brannon Spector	6-1	195	*Fr.
	82	Will Brown	5-8	190	*Jr.

CLEMSON DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.
DE	**5**	**K.J. HENRY**	**6-4**	**255**	***So.**
or	**7**	**JUSTIN MASCOLL**	**6-3**	**255**	***So.**
	40	Greg Williams	6-4	260	*Fr.
DT	**13**	**TYLER DAVIS**	**6-2**	**300**	**So.**
	33	Ruke Orhorhoro	6-4	295	So.
	90	Darnell Jefferies	6-2	290	*So.
DT	**11**	**BRYAN BRESEE**	**6-5**	**300**	**Fr.**
or	**59**	**JORDAN WILLIAMS**	**6-4**	**310**	***Jr.**
or	**44**	**NYLES PINCKNEY**	**6-1**	**300**	***Gr.**
DE	**98**	**MYLES MURPHY**	**6-5**	**275**	**Fr.**
	3	Xavier Thomas	6-2	270	Jr.
	53	Regan Upshaw	5-11	240	*Gr.
SLB/NB	**6**	**MIKE JONES JR.**	**6-0**	**220**	***So.**
	22	Trenton Simpson	6-3	225	Fr.
or	12	Tyler Venables	5-10	200	Fr.
MLB	**47**	**JAMES SKALSKI**	**6-0**	**240**	***Gr.**
	17	Kane Patterson	6-1	225	So.
WLB	**10**	**BAYLON SPECTOR**	**6-2**	**230**	***^Gr.**
	30	Keith Maguire	6-2	230	*Fr.
or	42	LaVonta Bentley	6-0	235	*Fr.
CB	**1**	**DERION KENDRICK**	**6-0**	**190**	**Jr.**
or	**31**	**MARIO GOODRICH**	**6-0**	**190**	**Jr.**
	20	LeAnthony Williams	5-11	185	*Jr.
SS	**36**	**LANNDEN ZANDERS**	**6-1**	**200**	**So.**
	16	Ray Thornton III	6-1	205	*Fr.
	25	Jalyn Phillips	6-1	210	So.
FS	**24**	**NOLAN TURNER**	**6-1**	**205**	***Sr.**
	18	Joseph Charleston	6-0	190	So.
	12	Tyler Venables	5-10	200	Fr.
CB	**26**	**SHERIDAN JONES**	**6-0**	**185**	**So.**
or	**23**	**ANDREW BOOTH JR.**	**6-0**	**195**	**So.**
	21	Malcolm Greene	5-11	190	Fr.
or	2	Fred Davis II	6-0	185	Fr.

CLEMSON SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.
PK	**29**	**B.T. POTTER**	**5-10**	**180**	**Jr.**
	39	Aidan Swanson	6-3	180	*Fr.
P	**48**	**WILL SPIERS**	**6-5**	**225**	***Sr.**
	39	Aidan Swanson	6-3	180	*Fr.
KO	29	B.T. Potter	5-10	180	Jr.
	39	Aidan Swanson	6-3	180	*Fr.
LS (PK)	46	Jack Maddox	6-3	235	*Jr.
	52	Tyler Brown	6-0	220	*Gr.
LS (P)	46	Jack Maddox	6-3	235	*Jr.
	52	Tyler Brown	6-0	220	*Gr.
H	22	Will Swinney	5-9	185	Sr.
	48	Will Spiers	6-5	225	*Sr.
PR	3	Amari Rodgers	5-10	210	Sr.
	1	Derion Kendrick	6-0	190	Jr.
KOR	19	Michel Dukes	5-10	205	So.
or	9	Travis Etienne	5-10	205	Sr.

* - redshirted; ^ - has another year of eligibility remaining in 2021

NOTE: *Ohio State elects not to furnish a depth chart. A consensus depth chart created using Pro Football Focus and Ourlads.com is included below.*

OHIO STATE OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.
LT	**75**	**THAYER MUNFORD**	**6-6**	**315**	**Sr.**
	79	Dawand Jones	6-8	360	So.
LG	**76**	**HARRY MILLER**	**6-4**	**315**	**So.**
	55	Matthew Jones	6-4	310	So.
C	**50**	**JOSH MYERS**	**6-5**	**312**	**Jr.**
	53	Luke Wypler	6-3	295	Fr.
RG	**52**	**WYATT DAVIS**	**6-4**	**315**	**Jr.**
	66	Enokk Vimahi	6-4	305	RFr.
RT	**78**	**NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE**	**6-5**	**310**	**So.**
	74	Max Wray	6-7	308	So.
TE	**89**	**LUKE FARRELL**	**6-6**	**258**	**Sr.**
	88	Jeremy Ruckert	6-5	253	Jr.
WR	**2**	**CHRIS OLAVE**	**6-1**	**188**	**Jr.**
	4	Julian Fleming	6-2	200	Fr.
QB	**1**	**JUSTIN FIELDS**	**6-3**	**228**	**Jr.**
	9	Jack Miller III	6-3	215	Fr.
or	12	Gunner Hoak	6-4	215	Gr.
or	14	C.J. Stroud	6-3	205	Fr.
RB	**33**	**MASTER TEAGUE III**	**5-11**	**225**	**So.**
	8	Trey Sermon	6-1	215	Gr.
WR	**6**	**JAMESON WILLIAMS**	**6-2**	**188**	**So.**
	13	Gee Scott Jr.	6-3	210	Fr.
WR	**5**	**GARRETT WILSON**	**6-0**	**193**	**So.**
	11	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	6-0	196	Fr.

OHIO STATE DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.
LE	**0**	**JONATHON COOPER**	**6-4**	**257**	**Gr.**
	54	Tyler Friday	6-3	265	Jr.
DT	**72**	**TOMMY TOGIAI**	**6-2**	**300**	**Jr.**
	6	Taron Vincent	6-2	295	So.
DT	**92**	**HASKELL GARRETT**	**6-2**	**299**	**Sr.**
	52	Antwuan Jackson	6-2	295	Gr.
RE	**11**	**TYREKE SMITH**	**6-4**	**267**	**Jr.**
	9	Zach Harrison	6-6	265	So.
WLB	**20**	**PETE WERNER**	**6-3**	**242**	**Sr.**
	3	Teradja Mitchell	6-2	240	Jr.
MLB	**32**	**TUF BORLAND**	**6-1**	**234**	**Gr.**
	19	Dallas Gant	6-3	232	Jr.
SLB	**5**	**BARON BROWNING**	**6-3**	**240**	**Gr.**
	15	Craig Young	6-3	228	So.
CB	**24**	**SHAUN WADE**	**6-1**	**195**	**Gr.**
	26	Cameron Brown	6-0	192	Jr.
CB	**21**	**MARCUS WILLIAMSON**	**5-10**	**186**	**Sr.**
	14	Ronnie Hickman	6-1	205	RFr.
CB	**7**	**SEVYN BANKS**	**6-1**	**200**	**Jr.**
	13	Tyreke Johnson	6-1	195	So.
SS	**23**	**MARCUS HOOKER**	**5-11**	**200**	**So.**
	41	Josh Proctor	6-2	202	Jr.

OHIO STATE SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.
PK	**95**	**BLAKE HAUBEIL**	**6-3**	**230**	**Sr.**
	28	Dominic DiMaccio	5-8	192	Jr.
P	**91**	**DRUE CHRISMAN**	**6-3**	**222**	**Gr.**
	29	Zach Hoover	6-2	200	Sr.
LS	42	Bradley Robinson	6-1	230	Sr.
H	91	Drue Chrisman	6-3	222	Gr.
PR	5	Garrett Wilson	6-0	193	So.
	3	Demario McCall	5-9	195	Sr.
KOR	3	Demario McCall	5-9	195	Sr.
	5	Garrett Wilson	6-0	193	So.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	High School or Junior College	Pronunciation
11	Ajou Ajou	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Brooks, Alberta	Clearwater (Fla.) Academy	Ajou (uh-JOH)
84	Davis Allen	TE	6-6	250	So.	1VL	Calhoun, Ga.	Calhoun HS	
45	Sergio Allen	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	HS	Fort Valley, Ga.	Peach County HS	
58	Ryan Barrett	DE	6-5	225	*Jr.	HS	Merritt Island, Fla.	Merritt Island HS	
29	Michael Becker	S	6-0	205	*So.	SQ	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
42	LaVonta Bentley	LB	6-0	235	*Fr.	RS	Birmingham, Ala.	P.D. Jackson-Olin HS	LaVonta (luh-VAHN-tay)
43	Will Blackston	TE	6-1	250	Fr.	HS	Honea Path, S.C.	Belton-Honea Path HS	Honea (HUH-nee-uh)
50	Kaleb Boateng	OL	6-4	315	*Fr.	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Fort Lauderdale HS	Boateng (BOHT-ihng)
65	Matt Bockhorst	OG	6-4	315	*Jr.	2VL	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier HS	
68	Will Boggs	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	HS	York, S.C.	York Comprehensive HS	
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	CB	6-0	195	So.	1VL	Dacula, Ga.	Archer HS	Dacula (duh-COO-luh)
11	Bryan Bresee	DL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Damascus, Md.	Damascus HS	Bresee (bruh-ZEE)
34	Jack Brissey	DE	6-2	225	*Fr.	HS	Liberty, S.C.	Liberty HS	
52	Tyler Brown	LS	6-0	220	*Gr.	SQ	Greenville, S.C.	Eastside HS	
82	Will Brown	WR	5-8	190	*Jr.	1VL	Boiling Springs, S.C.	Boiling Springs HS	
19	DeMonte Capehart	DL	6-5	305	Fr.	HS	Hartsville, S.C.	Hartsville HS	
79	Jackson Carman	OT	6-5	335	Jr.	2VL	Fairfield, Ohio	Fairfield Senior HS	
36	Quinn Castner	PK	5-5	140	Fr.	HS	Fort Mill, S.C.	Nation Ford HS	
25	J.C. Chalk	TE	6-3	255	*Sr.	3VL	Argyle, Texas	Argyle HS	
18	Joseph Charleston	S	6-0	190	So.	1VL	Milton, Ga.	Milton HS	
48	David Cote	LB	5-11	215	*Fr.	RS	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel HS	Cote (COHT-ee)
47	Peter Cote	S	5-9	200	*Jr.	1VL	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel HS	Cote (COHT-ee)
60	Mac Cranford	OL	6-0	290	*Fr.	RS	Hartsville, S.C.	Hartsville HS	
2	Fred Davis II	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy	
13	Tyler Davis	DT	6-2	300	So.	1VL	Apopka, Fla.	Wekiva HS	
23	Lyn-J Dixon	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	2VL	Butler, Ga.	Taylor County HS	
27	Carson Donnelly	S	5-10	195	*So.	1VL	Birmingham, Ala.	Briarwood Christian School	
19	Michel Dukes	RB	5-10	205	So.	1VL	Charleston, S.C.	First Baptist School	Michel (pronounced like "Michael")
83	Hampton Earle	WR	5-10	185	*Fr.	RS	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
91	Nick Eddis	DT	5-11	270	*Jr.	SQ	Lawrence, Kan.	Lawrence Free State HS	
69	Jacob Edwards	OL	6-2	300	*Jr.	1VL	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS	
95	James Edwards	DT	6-2	300	*Jr.	1VL	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS	
67	Will Edwards	OT	6-5	275	*So.	SQ	Greenville, S.C.	Wade Hampton HS	
87	Sage Ennis	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	HS	Graceville, Fla.	Lincoln HS	
9	Travis Etienne	RB	5-10	205	Sr.	3VL	Jennings, La.	Jennings HS	Etienne (EE-tee-ehn)
35	Justin Foster	DE	6-2	275	Sr.	3VL	Shelby, N.C.	Crest HS	
88	Braden Galloway	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	2VL	Anderson, S.C.	Seneca HS	
31	Mario Goodrich	CB	6-0	190	Jr.	2VL	Kansas City, Mo.	Lee's Summit West HS	
24	Hamp Greene	WR	5-9	175	*Fr.	RS	Birmingham, Ala.	Mountain Brook HS	
21	Malcolm Greene	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va.	Highland Springs HS	
18	Hunter Helms	QB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	West Columbia, S.C.	Gray Collegiate Academy	
5	K.J. Henry	DE	6-4	255	*So.	2VL	Winston-Salem, N.C.	West Forsyth HS	
37	Jake Herbstreit	S	5-11	170	*Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy	
86	Tye Herbstreit	WR	5-11	170	*Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy	
75	Trent Howard	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala.	Briarwood Christian School	
45	Josh Jackson	WR	6-1	200	*Sr.	1VL	Greenville, S.C.	Christ Church Episcopal School	
90	Darnell Jefferies	DT	6-2	290	*So.	1VL	Covington, Ga.	Newton HS	
52	Tayquon Johnson	OG	6-2	340	*Fr.	RS	Williamsport, Md.	Williamsport HS	
6	Mike Jones Jr.	LB	6-0	220	*So.	1VL	Nashville, Tenn.	IMG (Fla.) Academy	
26	Sheridan Jones	CB	6-0	185	So.	1VL	Norfolk, Va.	Maury HS	
1	Derion Kendrick	CB	6-0	190	Jr.	2VL	Rock Hill, S.C.	South Pointe HS	Derion (DAYR-ee-ahn)
2	Frank Ladson Jr.	WR	6-3	205	So.	1VL	Miami, Fla.	South Dade Senior HS	
16	Trevor Lawrence	QB	6-6	220	Jr.	2VL	Cartersville, Ga.	Cartersville HS	
85	Jaelyn Lay	TE	6-6	270	*Fr.	RS	Atlanta, Ga.	Riverdale HS	
33	Ty Lucas	RB	5-7	220	*So.	1VL	Columbus, Ga.	Chattahoochee County HS	
46	Jack Maddox	LS	6-3	235	*Jr.	1VL	Acton, Mass.	Acton-Boxborough Regional HS	
30	Keith Maguire	LB	6-2	230	*Fr.	RS	Media, Pa.	Malvern Preparatory School	
49	Matthew Maloney	LB	6-0	200	*Fr.	RS	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
7	Justin Mascoll	DE	6-3	255	*So.	1VL	Snellville, Ga.	South Gwinnett HS	Mascoll (MA-skohl)
89	Max May	WR	6-1	190	*So.	1VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
32	Sylvester Mayers	RB	5-6	150	*Jr.	SQ	Richmond, Va.	Benedictine College Preparatory	
77	Mitchell Mayes	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	HS	Raleigh, N.C.	Leesville Road HS	
39	Bubba McAtee	S	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Central, S.C.	Daniel HS	McAtee (MACK-uh-tee)
26	Jack McCall	CB	5-11	200	*Jr.	SQ	Mount Pleasant, S.C.	Wando HS	
71	Jordan McFadden	OT	6-2	300	*So.	1VL	Spartanburg, S.C.	Dorman HS	
63	Zac McIntosh	OL	5-11	285	*Jr.	SQ	Belton, S.C.	Daniel HS	
46	Matt McMahan	LB	6-0	220	*Fr.	RS	Denver, N.C.	North Lincoln HS	McMahan (MAK-muh-han)
27	Chez Mellusi	RB	5-11	200	So.	1VL	Naples, Fla.	Naples HS	
9	R.J. Mickens	S	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Southlake, Texas	Carroll HS	
98	Myles Murphy	DE	6-5	275	Fr.	HS	Marietta, Ga.	Hillgrove HS	
10	Joseph Ngata	WR	6-3	220	So.	1VL	Folsom, Calif.	Folsom HS	Ngata (ehn-GAHT-uh)
33	Ruke Orhorhoro	DT	6-4	295	So.	1VL	Lagos, Nigeria	River Rouge (Mich.) HS	Orhorhoro (oh-ROH-roh-roh)
14	Kobe Pace	RB	5-10	215	Fr.	HS	Cedartown, Ga.	Cedartown HS	
64	Walker Parks	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	HS	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS	
17	Kane Patterson	LB	6-1	225	So.	1VL	Brentwood, Tenn.	Christ Presbyterian Academy	
25	Jalyn Phillips	S	6-1	210	So.	1VL	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Archer HS	
7	Taisun Phommachanh	QB	6-3	220	*Fr.	RS	Bridgeport, Conn.	Avon Old Farms School	Taisun Phommachanh (TY-suhn POO-muh-chahn)
44	Nyles Pinckney	DT	6-1	300	*Gr.	3VL	Beaufort, S.C.	Whale Branch Early College HS	
29	B.T. Potter	PK	5-10	180	Jr.	2VL	Rock Hill, S.C.	South Pointe HS	
17	Cornell Powell	WR	6-0	210	*Sr.	3VL	Greenville, N.C.	J.H. Rose HS	
80	Luke Price	TE	6-2	235	*Jr.	1VL	Dillon, S.C.	Dillon Christian School	
56	Will Putnam	OL	6-4	300	So.	1VL	Tampa, Fla.	Plant HS	
92	Klayton Randolph	DE	6-2	250	*So.	SQ	Gaffney, S.C.	Gaffney HS	
55	Hunter Rayburn	OL	6-4	320	*Fr.	RS	Pensacola, Fla.	Pensacola HS	

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (CONT.)

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	High School or Junior College	Pronunciation
21	Darien Rencher	RB	5-8	195	*Sr.	2VL	Anderson, S.C.	T.L. Hanna HS	
32	Etinosa Reuben	DT	6-3	280	*Fr.	RS	Kansas City, Mo.	Park Hill South HS	Etinosa (eh-tee-OH-sah)
41	Andrew Roberts	DE	6-4	225	*So.	HS	Conway, S.C.	Aynor HS	
3	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-10	210	Sr.	3VL	Knoxville, Tenn.	Knoxville Catholic HS	
8	Justyn Ross	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	2VL	Phenix City, Ala.	Central HS	
22	Trenton Simpson	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C.	Mallard Creek HS	
47	James Skalski	LB	6-0	240	*Gr.	4VL	Sharpsburg, Ga.	Northgate HS	Skalski (SKAL-skee)
10	Baylon Spector	LB	6-2	230	*^Gr.	2VL	Calhoun, Ga.	Calhoun HS	Baylon (BAY-lehn)
13	Brannon Spector	WR	6-1	195	*Fr.	RS	Calhoun, Ga.	Calhoun HS	
48	Will Spiers	P	6-5	225	*Sr.	3VL	Cameron, S.C.	Calhoun Academy	
62	Cade Stewart	OL	6-3	305	*Gr.	3VL	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel HS	
39	Aidan Swanson	P/PK	6-3	180	*Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla.	IMG Academy	
81	Drew Swinney	WR	5-8	185	*So.	1VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
22	Will Swinney	WR	5-9	185	Sr.	3VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
14	Kevin Swint	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	HS	Carrollton, Ga.	Carrollton HS	
15	James Talton	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Raleigh, N.C.	St. David's School	Talton (pronounced like "Al" not "all")
57	Paul Tchio	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Milton, Ga.	Milton HS	Tchio (TEE-oh)
3	Xavier Thomas	DE	6-2	270	Jr.	2VL	Florence, S.C.	IMG (Fla.) Academy	Xavier (ehx-ZAYV-yuhr)
16	Ray Thornton III	S	6-1	205	*Fr.	RS	Columbus, Ga.	Central (Ala.) HS	
54	Mason Trotter	OL	6-2	280	*Fr.	RS	Roebuck, S.C.	Dorman HS	
73	Bryn Tucker	OL	6-3	315	Fr.	HS	Knoxville, Tenn.	Knoxville Catholic HS	Bryn (pronounced like "brine")
38	Elijah Turner	S	5-11	190	*Gr.	1VL	Pickens, S.C.	Seneca HS	
24	Nolan Turner	S	6-1	205	*Sr.	3VL	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS	
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	QB	6-4	250	Fr.	HS	Inland Empire, Calif.	St. John Bosco HS	Uiagalelei (oo-ee-ahn-gah-leh-LAY)
53	Regan Upshaw	DE	5-11	240	*Gr.	3VL	Bradenton, Fla.	Alonso HS	
15	Jake Venables	LB	6-2	235	*So.	1VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
12	Tyler Venables	S	5-10	200	Fr.	HS	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
72	Blake Vinson	OL	6-4	300	**So.	1VL	Ocala, Fla.	North Marion HS	
41	Jonathan Weitz	PK	5-11	190	*Fr.	RS	Charleston, S.C.	Porter-Gaud School	Weitz (pronounced like "whites")
6	E.J. Williams	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Phenix City, Ala.	Central HS	
40	Greg Williams	DE	6-4	260	*Fr.	RS	Swansea, S.C.	Swansea HS	Swansea (SWAHN-see)
76	John Williams	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	HS	Canton, Ga.	Creekview HS	
59	Jordan Williams	DT	6-4	310	*Jr.	2VL	Virginia Beach, Va.	Frank W. Cox HS	
20	LeAnthony Williams	CB	5-11	185	*Jr.	2VL	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake HS	
8	Tré Williams	DT	6-2	300	Fr.	HS	Windsor, Conn.	St. John's College (D.C.) HS	
36	Lannden Zanders	S	6-1	200	So.	1VL	Shelby, N.C.	Crest HS	

* - redshirted; ^ - has another year of eligibility remaining in 2021

COACHES

Coach	Title(s)	Position(s)	CU Years	Alma Mater	Pronunciation
Dabo Swinney	Head Coach		*18th	Alabama '93	Dabo Swinney (DA-boh SWEE-nee)
Brent Venables	Associate Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	Linebackers	9th	Kansas State '92	
Danny Pearman	Assistant Head Coach, Special Teams Coordinator	Tight Ends	13th	Clemson '87	Pearman (PEER-mihn)
Tony Elliott	Assistant Coach, Offensive Coordinator	Running Backs	10th	Clemson '02	
Brandon Streeter	Assistant Coach, Passing Game Coordinator	Quarterbacks	7th	Clemson '99	
Todd Bates	Assistant Coach, Recruiting Coordinator	Defensive Tackles	4th	Alabama '05	
Robbie Caldwell	Assistant Coach	Offensive Linemen	10th	Furman '77	
Mickey Conn	Assistant Coach	Safeties	4th	Alabama '93	
Tyler Grisham	Assistant Coach	Wide Receivers	1st	Clemson '09	
Lemanski Hall	Assistant Coach	Defensive Ends	3rd	Alabama '08	
Mike Reed	Assistant Coach	Cornerbacks	8th	Boston College '94	

* - includes over five seasons (2003-08) as an assistant coach and over 11 seasons as a head coach (2008-20)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	High School or Junior College	Pronunciation
1	Derion Kendrick	CB	6-0	190	Jr.	2VL	Rock Hill, S.C.	South Pointe HS	Derion (DAYR-ee-ahn)
2	Fred Davis II	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy	
2	Frank Ladson Jr.	WR	6-3	205	So.	1VL	Miami, Fla.	South Dade Senior HS	
3	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-10	210	Sr.	3VL	Knoxville, Tenn.	Knoxville Catholic HS	
3	Xavier Thomas	DE	6-2	270	Jr.	2VL	Florence, S.C.	IMG (Fla.) Academy	Xavier (ehx-ZAYV-yuhr)
5	K.J. Henry	DE	6-4	255	*So.	2VL	Winston-Salem, N.C.	West Forsyth HS	
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	QB	6-4	250	Fr.	HS	Inland Empire, Calif.	St. John Bosco HS	Uiagalelei (oo-ee-ahn-gah-leh-LAY)
6	Mike Jones Jr.	LB	6-0	220	*So.	1VL	Nashville, Tenn.	IMG (Fla.) Academy	
6	E.J. Williams	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Phenix City, Ala.	Central HS	
7	Justin Mascoll	DE	6-3	255	*So.	1VL	Snellville, Ga.	South Gwinnett HS	Mascoll (MA-skohl)
7	Taisun Phommachanh	QB	6-3	220	*Fr.	RS	Bridgeport, Conn.	Avon Old Farms School	Taisun Phommachanh (TY-suhn POO-muh-chahn)
8	Tré Williams	DT	6-2	300	Fr.	HS	Windsor, Conn.	St. John's College (D.C.) HS	
8	Justyn Ross	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	2VL	Phenix City, Ala.	Central HS	
9	Travis Etienne	RB	5-10	205	Sr.	3VL	Jennings, La.	Jennings HS	Etienne (EE-tee-ehn)
9	R.J. Mickens	S	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Southlake, Texas	Carroll HS	
10	Baylon Spector	LB	6-2	230	*^Gr.	2VL	Calhoun, Ga.	Calhoun HS	Baylon (BAY-lehn)
10	Joseph Ngata	WR	6-3	220	So.	1VL	Folsom, Calif.	Folsom HS	Ngata (ehn-GAHT-uh)
11	Bryan Bresee	DL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Damascus, Md.	Damascus HS	Bresee (bruh-ZEE)
11	Ajou Ajou	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Brooks, Alberta	Clearwater (Fla.) Academy	Ajou (uh-JOH)
12	Tyler Venables	S	5-10	200	Fr.	HS	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
13	Tyler Davis	DT	6-2	300	So.	1VL	Apopka, Fla.	Wekiva HS	
13	Brannon Spector	WR	6-1	195	*Fr.	RS	Calhoun, Ga.	Calhoun HS	
14	Kevin Swint	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	HS	Carrollton, Ga.	Carrollton HS	
14	Kobe Pace	RB	5-10	215	Fr.	HS	Cedartown, Ga.	Cedartown HS	
15	Jake Venables	LB	6-2	235	*So.	1VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
15	James Talton	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Raleigh, N.C.	St. David's School	Talton (pronounced like "Al" not "all")
16	Trevor Lawrence	QB	6-6	220	Jr.	2VL	Cartersville, Ga.	Cartersville HS	
16	Ray Thornton III	S	6-1	205	*Fr.	RS	Columbus, Ga.	Central (Ala.) HS	
17	Cornell Powell	WR	6-0	210	*Sr.	3VL	Greenville, N.C.	J.H. Rose HS	
17	Kane Patterson	LB	6-1	225	So.	1VL	Brentwood, Tenn.	Christ Presbyterian Academy	
18	Joseph Charleston	S	6-0	190	So.	1VL	Milton, Ga.	Milton HS	
18	Hunter Helms	QB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	West Columbia, S.C.	Gray Collegiate Academy	
19	Michel Dukes	RB	5-10	205	So.	1VL	Charleston, S.C.	First Baptist School	Michel (pronounced like "Michael")
19	DeMonte Capehart	DL	6-5	305	Fr.	HS	Hartsville, S.C.	Hartsville HS	
20	LeAnthony Williams	CB	5-11	185	*Jr.	2VL	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake HS	
21	Darien Rencher	RB	5-8	195	*Sr.	2VL	Anderson, S.C.	T.L. Hanna HS	
21	Malcolm Greene	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va.	Highland Springs HS	
22	Trenton Simpson	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C.	Mallard Creek HS	
22	Will Swinney	WR	5-9	185	Sr.	3VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	CB	6-0	195	So.	1VL	Dacula, Ga.	Archer HS	Dacula (duh-COO-luh)
23	Lyn-J Dixon	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	2VL	Butler, Ga.	Taylor County HS	
24	Nolan Turner	S	6-1	205	*Sr.	3VL	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS	
24	Hamp Greene	WR	5-9	175	*Fr.	RS	Birmingham, Ala.	Mountain Brook HS	
25	Jalyn Phillips	S	6-1	210	So.	1VL	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Archer HS	
25	J.C. Chalk	TE	6-3	255	*Sr.	3VL	Argyle, Texas	Argyle HS	
26	Sheridan Jones	CB	6-0	185	So.	1VL	Norfolk, Va.	Maury HS	
26	Jack McCall	CB	5-11	200	*Jr.	SQ	Mount Pleasant, S.C.	Wando HS	
27	Chez Mellusi	RB	5-11	200	So.	1VL	Naples, Fla.	Naples HS	
27	Carson Donnelly	S	5-10	195	*So.	1VL	Birmingham, Ala.	Briarwood Christian School	
29	B.T. Potter	PK	5-10	180	Jr.	2VL	Rock Hill, S.C.	South Pointe HS	
29	Michael Becker	S	6-0	205	*So.	SQ	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
30	Keith Maguire	LB	6-2	230	*Fr.	RS	Media, Pa.	Malvern Preparatory School	
31	Mario Goodrich	CB	6-0	190	Jr.	2VL	Kansas City, Mo.	Lee's Summit West HS	
32	Etinosa Reuben	DT	6-3	280	*Fr.	RS	Kansas City, Mo.	Park Hill South HS	Etinosa (eh-tee-OH-sah)
32	Sylvester Mayers	RB	5-6	150	*Jr.	SQ	Richmond, Va.	Benedictine College Preparatory	
33	Ruke Orhorhoro	DT	6-4	295	So.	1VL	Lagos, Nigeria	River Rouge (Mich.) HS	Orhorhoro (oh-ROH-roh-roh)
33	Ty Lucas	RB	5-7	220	*So.	1VL	Columbus, Ga.	Chattahoochee County HS	
34	Jack Brissey	DE	6-2	225	*Fr.	HS	Liberty, S.C.	Liberty HS	
35	Justin Foster	DE	6-2	275	Sr.	3VL	Shelby, N.C.	Crest HS	
36	Lannden Zanders	S	6-1	200	So.	1VL	Shelby, N.C.	Crest HS	
36	Quinn Castner	PK	5-5	140	Fr.	HS	Fort Mill, S.C.	Nation Ford HS	
37	Jake Herbstreit	S	5-11	170	*Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy	
38	Elijah Turner	S	5-11	190	*Gr.	1VL	Pickens, S.C.	Seneca HS	
39	Bubba McAtee	S	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Central, S.C.	Daniel HS	McAtee (MACK-uh-tee)
39	Aidan Swanson	P/PK	6-3	180	*Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla.	IMG Academy	
40	Greg Williams	DE	6-4	260	*Fr.	RS	Swansea, S.C.	Swansea HS	Swansea (SWAHN-see)
41	Jonathan Weitz	PK	5-11	190	*Fr.	RS	Charleston, S.C.	Porter-Gaud School	Weitz (pronounced like "whites")
41	Andrew Roberts	DE	6-4	225	*So.	HS	Conway, S.C.	Aynor HS	
42	LaVonta Bentley	LB	6-0	235	*Fr.	RS	Birmingham, Ala.	P.D. Jackson-Olin HS	LaVonta (luh-VAHN-tay)
43	Will Blackston	TE	6-1	250	Fr.	HS	Honea Path, S.C.	Belton-Honea Path HS	Honea (HUH-nee-uh)
44	Nyles Pinckney	DT	6-1	300	*Gr.	3VL	Beaufort, S.C.	Whale Branch Early College HS	
45	Sergio Allen	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	HS	Fort Valley, Ga.	Peach County HS	
45	Josh Jackson	WR	6-1	200	*Sr.	1VL	Greenville, S.C.	Christ Church Episcopal School	
46	Jack Maddox	LS	6-3	235	*Jr.	1VL	Acton, Mass.	Acton-Boxborough Regional HS	
46	Matt McMahan	LB	6-0	220	*Fr.	RS	Denver, N.C.	North Lincoln HS	McMahan (MAK-muh-han)
47	James Skalski	LB	6-0	240	*Gr.	4VL	Sharpsburg, Ga.	Northgate HS	Skalski (SKAL-skee)
47	Peter Cote	S	5-9	200	*Jr.	1VL	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel HS	Cote (COHT-ee)
48	Will Spiers	P	6-5	225	*Sr.	3VL	Cameron, S.C.	Calhoun Academy	
48	David Cote	LB	5-11	215	*Fr.	RS	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel HS	Cote (COHT-ee)
49	Matthew Maloney	LB	6-0	200	*Fr.	RS	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
50	Kaleb Boateng	OL	6-4	315	*Fr.	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Fort Lauderdale HS	Boateng (BOHT-ihng)
52	Tyler Brown	LS	6-0	220	*Gr.	SQ	Greenville, S.C.	Eastside HS	
52	Tayquon Johnson	OG	6-2	340	*Fr.	RS	Williamsport, Md.	Williamsport HS	
53	Regan Upshaw	DE	5-11	240	*Gr.	3VL	Bradenton, Fla.	Alonso HS	

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#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	High School or Junior College	Pronunciation
54	Mason Trotter	OL	6-2	280	*Fr.	RS	Roebuck, S.C.	Dorman HS	
55	Hunter Rayburn	OL	6-4	320	*Fr.	RS	Pensacola, Fla.	Pensacola HS	
56	Will Putnam	OL	6-4	300	So.	1VL	Tampa, Fla.	Plant HS	
57	Paul Tchio	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Milton, Ga.	Milton HS	Tchio (TEE-oh)
58	Ryan Barrett	DE	6-5	225	*Jr.	HS	Merritt Island, Fla.	Merritt Island HS	
59	Jordan Williams	DT	6-4	310	*Jr.	2VL	Virginia Beach, Va.	Frank W. Cox HS	
60	Mac Cranford	OL	6-0	290	*Fr.	RS	Hartsville, S.C.	Hartsville HS	
62	Cade Stewart	OL	6-3	305	*Gr.	3VL	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel HS	
63	Zac McIntosh	OL	5-11	285	*Jr.	SQ	Belton, S.C.	Daniel HS	
64	Walker Parks	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	HS	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS	
65	Matt Bockhorst	OG	6-4	315	*Jr.	2VL	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier HS	
67	Will Edwards	OT	6-5	275	*So.	SQ	Greenville, S.C.	Wade Hampton HS	
68	Will Boggs	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	HS	York, S.C.	York Comprehensive HS	
69	Jacob Edwards	OL	6-2	300	*Jr.	1VL	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS	
71	Jordan McFadden	OT	6-2	300	*So.	1VL	Spartanburg, S.C.	Dorman HS	
72	Blake Vinson	OL	6-4	300	**So.	1VL	Ocala, Fla.	North Marion HS	
73	Bryn Tucker	OL	6-3	315	Fr.	HS	Knoxville, Tenn.	Knoxville Catholic HS	Bryn (pronounced like "brine")
75	Trent Howard	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala.	Briarwood Christian School	
76	John Williams	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	HS	Canton, Ga.	Creekview HS	
77	Mitchell Mayes	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	HS	Raleigh, N.C.	Leesville Road HS	
79	Jackson Carman	OT	6-5	335	Jr.	2VL	Fairfield, Ohio	Fairfield Senior HS	
80	Luke Price	TE	6-2	235	*Jr.	1VL	Dillon, S.C.	Dillon Christian School	
81	Drew Swinney	WR	5-8	185	*So.	1VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
82	Will Brown	WR	5-8	190	*Jr.	1VL	Boiling Springs, S.C.	Boiling Springs HS	
83	Hampton Earle	WR	5-10	185	*Fr.	RS	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
84	Davis Allen	TE	6-6	250	So.	1VL	Calhoun, Ga.	Calhoun HS	
85	Jaelyn Lay	TE	6-6	270	*Fr.	RS	Atlanta, Ga.	Riverdale HS	
86	Tye Herbstreit	WR	5-11	170	*Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy	
87	Sage Ennis	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	HS	Graceville, Fla.	Lincoln HS	
88	Braden Galloway	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	2VL	Anderson, S.C.	Seneca HS	
89	Max May	WR	6-1	190	*So.	1VL	Clemson, S.C.	Daniel HS	
90	Darnell Jefferies	DT	6-2	290	*So.	1VL	Covington, Ga.	Newton HS	
91	Nick Eddis	DT	5-11	270	*Jr.	SQ	Lawrence, Kan.	Lawrence Free State HS	
92	Klayton Randolph	DE	6-2	250	*So.	SQ	Gaffney, S.C.	Gaffney HS	
95	James Edwards	DT	6-2	300	*Jr.	1VL	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS	
98	Myles Murphy	DE	6-5	275	Fr.	HS	Marietta, Ga.	Hillgrove HS	

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COACHES

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Brent Venables	Associate Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	Linebackers	9th	Kansas State '92	
Danny Pearman	Assistant Head Coach, Special Teams Coordinator	Tight Ends	13th	Clemson '87	Pearman (PEER-mihn)
Tony Elliott	Assistant Coach, Offensive Coordinator	Running Backs	10th	Clemson '02	
Brandon Streeter	Assistant Coach, Passing Game Coordinator	Quarterbacks	7th	Clemson '99	
Todd Bates	Assistant Coach, Recruiting Coordinator	Defensive Tackles	4th	Alabama '05	
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Mickey Conn	Assistant Coach	Safeties	4th	Alabama '93	
Tyler Grisham	Assistant Coach	Wide Receivers	1st	Clemson '09	
Lemanski Hall	Assistant Coach	Defensive Ends	3rd	Alabama '08	
Mike Reed	Assistant Coach	Cornerbacks	8th	Boston College '94	

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HOW THE 2020 TIGERS WERE BUILT

Joined Clemson in 2016

Player (Class)	How	Scholarship
TE J.C. Chalk (*Sr.)	Signee	Yes
DT Nyles Pinckney (*Gr.) #	Signee	Yes
WR Cornell Powell (*Sr.)	Signee	Yes
RB Darien Rencher (*Sr.)	Walk-On	Yes
LB James Skalski (*Gr.)	Signee	Yes
P Will Spiers (*Sr.)	Walk-On	Yes
OL Cade Stewart (*Gr.)	Signee	Yes
S Nolan Turner (*Sr.)	Signee	Yes
DE Regan Upshaw (*Gr.)	Walk-On	Yes

Joined Clemson in 2017

Player (Class)	How	Scholarship
OG Matt Bockhorst (*Jr.)	Signee	Yes
WR Will Brown (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
S Peter Cote (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Jacob Edwards (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
DT James Edwards (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
RB Travis Etienne (Sr.)	Signee	Yes
DE Justin Foster (Sr.)	Signee	Yes
WR Josh Jackson (*Sr.)	Walk-On	No
LS Jack Maddox (*Jr.)	Walk-On	Yes
RB Sylvester Mayers (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
CB Jack McCall (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
TE Luke Price (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
WR Amari Rodgers (Sr.)	Signee	Yes
LB Baylon Spector (*^Gr.) #	Signee	Yes
WR Will Swinney (Sr.)	Walk-On	Yes
OL Blake Vinson (**So.) #	Signee	Yes
DT Jordan Williams (*Jr.)	Signee	Yes
CB LeAnthony Williams (*Jr.)	Signee	Yes

Joined Clemson in 2018

Player (Class)	How	Scholarship
S Michael Becker (*So.)	Walk-On	No
LS Tyler Brown (*Gr.)	Walk-On	No
OT Jackson Carman (Jr.) #	Signee	Yes
RB Lyn-J Dixon (Jr.)	Signee	Yes
S Carson Donnelly (*So.)	Walk-On	No
TE Braden Galloway (Jr.) #	Signee	Yes
CB Mario Goodrich (Jr.)	Signee	Yes
DE K.J. Henry (*So.) #	Signee	Yes
DT Darnell Jefferies (*So.) #	Signee	Yes
LB Mike Jones Jr. (*So.) #	Signee	Yes
CB Derion Kendrick (Jr.) #	Signee	Yes
QB Trevor Lawrence (Jr.) #	Signee	Yes
RB Ty Lucas (*So.)	Walk-On	No
DE Justin Mascoll (*So.)	Signee	Yes
WR Max May (*So.)	Walk-On	No
OT Jordan McFadden (*So.)	Signee	Yes
PK B.T. Potter (Jr.)	Signee	Yes
WR Justyn Ross (Jr.)	Signee	Yes
WR Drew Swinney (*So.)	Walk-On	No
DE Xavier Thomas (Jr.) #	Signee	Yes
S Elijah Turner (*Gr.)	Transfer	No
LB Jake Venables (*So.)	Signee	Yes

* - spent one season as a redshirt player
^ - already had another year of eligibility remaining in 2021 even prior to NCAA offering an extra year of eligibility for 2020 fall athletes
# - January enrollee

Joined Clemson in 2019

Player (Class)	How	Scholarship
TE Davis Allen (So.)	Signee	Yes
LB LaVonta Bentley (*Fr.)	Signee	Yes
OL Kaleb Boateng (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
CB Andrew Booth Jr. (So.)	Signee	Yes
S Joseph Charleston (So.) #	Signee	Yes
LB David Cote (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Mac Cranford (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
DT Tyler Davis (So.) #	Signee	Yes
RB Michel Dukes (So.)	Signee	Yes
WR Hampton Earle (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
DT Nick Eddis (*Jr.)	Transfer	No
OT Will Edwards (*So.)	Walk-On	No
WR Hamp Greene (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
CB Jake Herbstreit (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
WR Tye Herbstreit (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Tayquon Johnson (*Fr.)	Signee	Yes
CB Sheridan Jones (So.) #	Signee	Yes
WR Frank Ladson Jr. (So.) #	Signee	Yes
TE Jaelyn Lay (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
LB Keith Maguire (*Fr.)	Signee	Yes
LB Matthew Maloney (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Zac McIntosh (*Jr.)	Transfer	No
LB Matt McMahan (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
RB Chez Mellusi (So.)	Signee	Yes
WR Joseph Ngata (So.) #	Signee	Yes
DT Ruke Orhorhoro (So.) #	Signee	Yes
LB Kane Patterson (So.)	Signee	Yes
DB Jalyn Phillips (So.)	Signee	Yes
QB Taisun Phommachanh (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
OL Will Putnam (So.) #	Signee	Yes
DE Klayton Randolph (*So.)	Walk-On	No
OL Hunter Rayburn (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
DT Etinosa Reuben (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
WR Brannon Spector (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
P/PK Aidan Swanson (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
S Ray Thornton III (*Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
OL Mason Trotter (*Fr.)	Signee	Yes
PK Jonathan Weitz (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
DE Greg Williams (*Fr.)	Signee	Yes
S Lannden Zanders (So.) #	Signee	Yes

Joined Clemson in 2020

Player (Class)	How	Scholarship
WR Ajou Ajou (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
LB Sergio Allen (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
DE Ryan Barrett (*Jr.)	Walk-On	No
TE Will Blackston (Fr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Will Boggs (Fr.)	Walk-On	No
DL Bryan Bresee (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
DE Jack Brissey (*Fr.)	Walk-On	No
DL DeMonte Capehart (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
PK Quinn Castner (Fr.)	Walk-On	No
CB Fred Davis II (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
TE Sage Ennis (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
CB Malcolm Greene (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
QB Hunter Helms (Fr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Trent Howard (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
OL Mitchell Mayes (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
DB Bubba McAtee (Fr.)	Walk-On	No
S R.J. Mickens (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
DE Myles Murphy (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
OL Walker Parks (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
RB Kobe Pryor (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
DE Andrew Roberts (*So.)	Walk-On	No
LB Trenton Simpson (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
LB Kevin Swint (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
QB James Talton (Fr.)	Walk-On	No
OL Paul Tchio (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
OL Bryn Tucker (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
QB D.J. Uiagalelei (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
S Tyler Venables (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes
OL John Williams (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
DL Tré Williams (Fr.)	Signee	Yes
WR E.J. Williams (Fr.) #	Signee	Yes

CLEMSON ROSTER CONSTRUCTION

BY CLASS

Freshmen	29
Redshirt Freshmen	22
Sophomores	14
Redshirt Sophomores	15
Juniors	9
Redshirt Juniors	14
Seniors	4
Redshirt Junior Graduates	1
Redshirt Seniors	6
Redshirt Senior Graduates	6

BY SCHOLARSHIP STATUS

Scholarship	83
Walk-On	37

BY MEANS OF ARRIVAL

Signee	78
Walk-On	38
Transfer*	4

* all transfers are walk-ons;
includes transfers with associate's degrees

BY YEAR OF ARRIVAL

2016	9
2017	18
2018	22
2019	40
2020	31

BY HOME STATE

South Carolina	41
Georgia	21
Florida	12
Alabama	9
North Carolina	8
Tennessee	6
Virginia	4
California	2
Connecticut	2
Missouri	2
Maryland	2
Ohio	2
Texas	2
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	1
Massachusetts	1
Pennsylvania	1

BY HOME PROVINCE/COUNTRY

Alberta (Canada)	1
Lagos (Nigeria)	1

Hometown Notes: WR Ajou Ajou is from Brooks, Alberta but finished his prep career in Clearwater, Fla.; DL Ruke Orhorhoro is from Lagos, Nigeria but finished his prep career in River Rouge, Mich.; LB Mike Jones Jr. and DE Xavier Thomas are from Nashville, Tenn. and Florence, S.C., respectively, but finished their prep careers at Florida's IMG Academy; S Ray Thornton III is from Columbus, Ga. but finished his prep career in Central, Ala.; DL Tré Williams is from Windsor, Conn. but finished his prep career in Washington, D.C.

2020 OVERALL STATS

10-1 OVERALL, 9-1 ACC, 6-0 HOME, 3-1 AWAY, 1-0 NEUTRAL, 6-0 DAY, 4-1 NIGHT, 0-1 OVERTIME

TEAM STATS

	CU	Opp.
SCORING	**494**	**193**
Points Per Game	44.9	17.5
Points Off Turnovers	100	38
FIRST DOWNS	**272**	**166**
Rushing	96	55
Passing	158	90
Penalty	18	21
RUSHING YARDAGE	**1802**	**1098**
Yards gained rushing	2052	1561
Yards lost rushing	250	463
Rushing Attempts	389	394
Average Per Rush	4.6	2.8
Average Per Game	163.8	99.8
TDs Rushing	31	8
PASSING YARDAGE	**3782**	**2185**
Comp-Att-Int	293-442-5	168-315-13
Average Per Pass	8.6	6.9
Average Per Catch	12.9	13.0
Average Per Game	343.8	198.6
TDs Passing	29	11
TOTAL OFFENSE	**5584**	**3283**
Total Plays	831	709
Average Per Play	6.7	4.6
Average Per Game	507.6	298.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	**17-393**	**12-269**
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	**13-123**	**15-130**
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	**13-118**	**5-67**
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	**23.1**	**22.4**
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	**9.5**	**8.7**
INT RETURN AVERAGE	**9.1**	**13.4**
FUMBLES-LOST	**15-8**	**22-9**
PENALTIES-Yards	**62-558**	**65-531**
Average Per Game	50.7	48.3
PUNTS-Yards	**45-1881**	**71-3102**
Average Per Punt	41.8	43.7
Net punt average	37.6	40.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	**89-5651**	**41-2525**
Average Per Kick	63.5	61.6
Net kick average	40.2	41.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	**30:52**	**29:08**
3RD-DOWN Conversions	**78/167**	**49/161**
3rd-Down Pct	47%	30%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	**10/13**	**7/19**
4th-Down Pct	77%	37%
SACKS BY-Yards	**44-296**	**18-134**
MISC YARDS	**37**	**69**
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	**63**	**23**
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	**18-23**	**11-16**
ON-SIDE KICKS	**0-0**	**0-2**
RED-ZONE SCORES	**(49-56) 88%**	**(20-26) 77%**
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	**(39-56) 70%**	**(14-26) 54%**
PAT-ATTEMPTS	**(60-61) 98%**	**(22-22) 100%**
ATTENDANCE	**112367**	**22329**
Games/Avg Per Game	6/18728	4/5582
Neutral Site Games		1/5240

SCORING BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
CLEMSON	155	150	99	83	7	494
Opponents	41	74	24	40	14	193

OFFENSIVE STATS

#	RUSHING	G	Car	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/C	TD	LG	Y/G
9	Travis Etienne	11	158	924	42	882	5.6	13	72	80.2
16	Trevor Lawrence	9	58	317	106	211	3.6	7	34	23.4
23	Lyn-J Dixon	9	40	187	17	170	4.2	2	21	18.9
27	Chez Mellusi	9	27	154	3	151	5.6	3	38	16.8
1	Darien Rencher	11	24	140	3	137	5.7	1	50	12.5
14	Kobe Pace	8	18	75	0	75	4.2	0	16	9.4
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	10	28	95	35	60	2.1	4	30	6.0
19	Michel Dukes	7	8	62	7	55	6.9	0	29	7.9
1	Demarkcus Bowman	2	9	34	2	32	3.6	0	10	16.0
7	Taisun Phommachanh	4	7	32	7	25	3.6	0	7	6.2
13	Brannon Spector	10	2	21	0	21	10.5	0	19	2.1
48	Will Spiers	11	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
32	Sylvester Mayers	3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
44	Nyles Pinckney	11	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.1
18	Hunter Helms	3	2	2	9	-7	-3.5	0	2	-2.3
	TEAM	11	5	0	19	-19	-3.8	0	0	-1.7
	CLEMSON	**11**	**389**	**2052**	**250**	**1802**	**4.6**	**31**	**72**	**163.8**
	Opponents	**11**	**394**	**1561**	**463**	**1098**	**2.8**	**8**	**65**	**99.8**

#	PASSING	G	Eff	Cm-Att-I	Cm%	Yds	TD	LG	Y/G
16	Trevor Lawrence	9	172.68	198-286-4	69.2	2753	22	83	305.9
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	10	146.39	78-117-0	66.7	914	5	53	91.4
7	Taisun Phommachanh	4	26.05	5-17-1	29.4	17	0	6	4.2
18	Hunter Helms	3	183.90	9-12-0	75.0	77	2	35	25.7
	TEAM	11	0.00	0-6-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
48	Will Spiers	11	103.07	2-3-0	66.7	13	0	12	1.2
3	Amari Rodgers	11	167.20	1-1-0	100.0	8	0	8	0.7
	CLEMSON	**11**	**157.55**	**293-442-5**	**66.3**	**3782**	**29**	**83**	**343.8**
	Opponents	**11**	**114.87**	**168-315-13**	**53.3**	**2185**	**11**	**83**	**198.6**

#	RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yards	Y/Rec	TD	LG	Y/G
3	Amari Rodgers	11	69	966	14.0	7	83	87.8
17	Cornell Powell	11	45	743	16.5	5	70	67.5
9	Travis Etienne	11	44	524	11.9	2	46	47.6
88	Braden Galloway	11	25	331	13.2	2	49	30.1
6	E.J. Williams	11	19	261	13.7	2	38	23.7
2	Frank Ladson Jr.	9	17	272	16.0	3	54	30.2
84	Davis Allen	11	14	212	15.1	4	42	19.3
13	Brannon Spector	10	14	120	8.6	0	26	12.0
10	Joseph Ngata	7	7	83	11.9	0	19	11.9
22	Will Swinney	11	7	29	4.1	0	9	2.6
25	J.C. Chalk	9	6	43	7.2	1	12	4.8
27	Chez Mellusi	9	5	38	7.6	1	23	4.2
14	Kobe Pace	8	5	26	5.2	1	14	3.2
82	Will Brown	8	3	27	9.0	0	10	3.4
81	Drew Swinney	5	3	18	6.0	0	12	3.6
11	Ajou Ajou	10	2	41	20.5	1	35	4.1
23	Lyn-J Dixon	9	2	21	10.5	0	12	2.3
21	Darien Rencher	11	2	15	7.5	0	8	1.4
16	Trevor Lawrence	9	1	8	8.0	0	8	0.9
85	Jaelyn Lay	11	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.5
89	Max May	8	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
45	Josh Jackson	4	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5
	CLEMSON	**11**	**293**	**3782**	**12.9**	**29**	**83**	**343.8**
	Opponents	**11**	**168**	**2185**	**13.0**	**11**	**83**	**198.6**

#	TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PL	Rush	Pass	Total	Y/G
16	Trevor Lawrence	9	344	211	2753	2964	329.3
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	10	145	60	914	974	97.4
9	Travis Etienne	11	158	882	0	882	80.2
23	Lyn-J Dixon	9	40	170	0	170	18.9
27	Chez Mellusi	9	27	151	0	151	16.8
21	Darien Rencher	11	24	137	0	137	12.5
14	Kobe Pace	8	18	75	0	75	9.4
18	Hunter Helms	3	14	-7	77	70	23.3
19	Michel Dukes	7	8	55	0	55	7.9
7	Taisun Phommachanh	4	24	25	17	42	10.5
1	Demarkcus Bowman	2	9	32	0	32	16.0
13	Brannon Spector	10	2	21	0	21	2.1
48	Will Spiers	11	4	6	13	19	1.7
3	Amari Rodgers	11	1	0	8	8	0.7
32	Sylvester Mayers	3	1	2	0	2	0.7
44	Nyles Pinckney	11	1	1	0	1	0.1
	TEAM	11	11	-19	0	-19	-1.7
	CLEMSON	**11**	**831**	**1802**	**3782**	**5584**	**507.6**
	Opponents	**11**	**709**	**1098**	**2185**	**3283**	**298.5**

#	ALL-PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	FGR	Total	Y/G
9	Travis Etienne	11	882	524	44	148	0	37	1635	148.6
3	Amari Rodgers	11	0	966	64	0	0	0	1030	93.6
17	Cornell Powell	11	0	743	0	15	0	0	758	68.9
23	Lyn-J Dixon	9	170	21	0	210	0	0	401	44.6
88	Braden Galloway	11	0	331	0	0	0	0	331	30.1
2	Frank Ladson Jr.	9	0	272	0	0	0	0	272	30.2
6	E.J. Williams	11	0	261	0	0	0	0	261	23.7
16	Trevor Lawrence	9	211	8	0	0	0	0	219	24.3
84	Davis Allen	11	0	212	0	0	0	0	212	19.3
27	Chez Mellusi	9	151	38	0	0	0	0	189	21.0
21	Darien Rencher	11	137	15	0	0	0	0	152	13.8
13	Brannon Spector	10	21	120	0	0	0	0	141	14.1
14	Kobe Pace	8	75	26	0	0	0	0	101	12.6
10	Joseph Ngata	7	0	83	0	0	0	0	83	11.9
19	Michel Dukes	7	55	0	0	20	0	0	75	10.7
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	10	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	6.0
24	Nolan Turner	11	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	4.7
25	J.C. Chalk	9	0	43	0	0	0	0	43	4.8
11	Ajou Ajou	10	0	41	0	0	0	0	41	4.1
6	Mike Jones Jr.	9	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	4.4
22	Will Swinney	11	0	29	9	0	0	0	38	3.5
1	BOWMAN	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	16.0
82	Will Brown	8	0	27	0	0	0	0	27	3.4
7	Taisun Phommachanh	4	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	6.2
81	Drew Swinney	5	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	3.6
17	Kane Patterson	11	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0.7
21	Malcolm Greene	11	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0.7
38	Elijah Turner	11	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0.6
48	Will Spiers	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
31	Mario Goodrich	7	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.7
85	Jaelyn Lay	11	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.5
25	Jalyn Phillips	10	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.5
32	Sylvester Mayers	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
44	Nyles Pinckney	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
89	Max May	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
1	Derion Kendrick	8	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-0.1
45	Josh Jackson	4	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.5
18	Hunter Helms	3	-7	0	0	0	0	0	-7	-2.3
	TEAM	11	-19	0	0	0	0	0	-19	-1.7
	CLEMSON	**11**	**1802**	**3782**	**123**	**393**	**118**	**37**	**6255**	**568.6**
	Opponents	**11**	**1098**	**2185**	**130**	**269**	**67**	**48**	**3797**	**345.2**

2020 DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

DEFENSIVE STATS

#	TACKLES	G-S	Snaps	Hit	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	PBU	QP	^ST
10	Baylon Spector	11-10	458	45	22	67	9.5-40	3.5-24	1	11	
24	Nolan Turner	11-11	533	46	15	61	6-8		3		
18	Joseph Charleston	10-5	432	32	15	47	2-3		2		
98	Myles Murphy	11-6	368	27	18	45	10.5-55	4-25		6	
15	Jake Venables	9-4	319	28	16	44	5.5-26	2.5-21	1	6	4
47	James Skalski	8-7	264	25	14	39	3.5-14	1.5-9	3	3	
22	Trenton Simpson	11-2	268	24	8	32	6.5-56	4-47		6	2
36	Lannden Zanders	9-8	338	16	13	29	2.5-14	1-12	3	4	2
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	10-4	287	21	7	28	2.5-8	1-4	4		2
6	Mike Jones Jr.	9-7	331	17	11	28	4-10	0.5-4	4	3	
11	Bryan Bresee	11-9	395	15	12	27	4-20	3-19	2	11	
5	K.J. Henry	11-5	346	14	13	27	6-30	3.5-26	2	4	
7	Justin Mascoll	11-9	338	12	4	26	4.5-10	2-7		6	1
44	Nyles Pinckney	11-2	231	14	10	24	3-10	1-6		1	1
12	Tyler Venables	11-0	208	13	10	23	1	1	3		
26	Sheridan Jones	10-8	288	15	6	21	1.5-1		3	1	
1	Derion Kendrick	8-7	319	12	8	20	1-2	1-2	5		1
53	Regan Upshaw	9-0	162	9	10	19	3.5-11	2.5-10	1	6	1
42	LaVonta Bentley	11-0	73	12	4	16	4.5-30	3.5-23			1
17	Kane Patterson	11-0	108	11	5	16	2-5			1	1
30	Keith Maguire	10-0	100	11	5	16	3-13		1	1	
25	Jalyn Phillips	10-1	146	7	9	16	0.5-1		2		2
16	Ray Thornton III	11-1	141	11	3	14			1	1	1
21	Malcolm Greene	11-2	155	10	4	14	1.5-7	1.5-7	2		1
13	Tyler Davis	6-6	155	10	4	14	5-32	2-16	1	2	
2	Fred Davis II	10-0	183	11	2	13			2	1	
31	Mario Goodrich	7-3	212	9	4	13			1		
20	LeAnthony Williams	10-0	113	10	2	12					1
3	Xavier Thomas	7-1	119	5	6	11	4-10	3.5-19		1	
59	Jordan Williams	10-3	209	6	4	10	1-2			3	
38	Elijah Turner	11-0	59	5	3	8					
40	Greg Williams	7-0	67	4	3	7	1-7	1-7		1	
90	Darnell Jefferies	7-0	49	3	4	7				1	
27	Carson Donnelly	11-0	6	6	0	6					4
8	Tré Williams	2-0	14	3	1	4	1-3				
32	Etinosa Reuben	7-0	40	0	4	4				1	
14	Keven Swint	9-0	35	3	0	3	0.5-1	0.5-1		2	
19	DeMonte Capehart	4-0	20	2	1	3	2-7	1-6		2	
45	Sergio Allen	5-0	18	0	3	3					
84	Davis Allen	11-0	-	2	1	3					2
9	R.J. Mickens	10-0	36	1	1	2					
46	Jack Maddox	11-0	-	1	1	2					2
49	Matthew Maloney	3-0	11	1	0	1					
95	James Edwards	2-0	9	1	0	1					
17	Cornell Powell	11-10	-	1	0	1					1
29	B.T. Potter	11-11	-	1	0	1					1
10	Joseph Ngata	7-3	-	1	0	1					1
13	Brannon Spector	10-1	-	1	0	1					
62	Cade Stewart	11-10	-	1	0	1					
2	Frank Ladson Jr.	8-4	-	1	0	1					
39	Aidan Swanson	4-0	-	0	1	1					1
87	Sage Ennis	4-0	-	0	1	1					1
33	Ruke Orhorhoro	3-0	30	0	0	0				1	
48	David Cote	3-0	4	0	0	0					
91	Nick Eddis	2-0	4	0	0	0					
46	Matt McMahan	1-0	4	0	0	0					
34	Jack Brissey	2-0	3	0	0	0					
92	Klayton Randolph	1-0	1	0	0	0					
	Totals			**536**	**288**	**834**	**103-437**	**44-295**	**47**	**86**	**34**

Caused Fumbles (12): Murphy 3, Bentley 1, Bresee 1, M. Jones 1, Maguire 1, Simpson 1, Ba. Spector 1, Thomas 1, J. Venables 1, Zanders 1
Recovered Fumbles (9): Booth 1, Goodrich 1, Henry 1, Kendrick 1, Mascoll 1, Patterson 1, Pinckney 1, Skalski 1, Ba. Spector 1

^ - special teams tackles; Note: Special teams tackles and tackles after turnovers are included in tackle totals; tackle totals are from coaches film grade.

#	INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
24	Nolan Turner	3	52	17.3	0	31
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	2	0	0.0	0	0
31	Mario Goodrich	2	5	2.5	0	5
26	Sheridan Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
25	Jalyn Phillips	1	5	5.0	0	5
21	Malcolm Greene	1	8	8.0	0	8
1	Derion Kendrick	1	0	0.0	0	0
17	Kane Patterson	1	8	8.0	0	8
6	Mike Jones Jr.	1	40	40.0	0	40
	CLEMSON	**13**	**118**	**9.1**	**0**	**40**
	Opponents	**5**	**67**	**13.4**	**1**	**39**

SPECIAL TEAMS & MISCELLANEOUS STATS

#	PUNTING	P	Yards	Y/P	LG	TB	FC	-20	50+	HB
48	Will Spiers	40	1742	43.5	64	3	12	16	10	1
39	Aidan Swanson	3	131	43.7	50	0	0	2	1	1
	TEAM	2	8	4.0	8	0	0	0	0	0
	CLEMSON	**45**	**1881**	**41.8**	**64**	**3**	**12**	**18**	**11**	**2**
	Opponents	**71**	**3102**	**43.7**	**59**	**4**	**33**	**22**	**19**	**0**

#	FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	HB
29	B.T. Potter	18-23	78.3	5-5	5-8	6-7	2-3	52	3
	CLEMSON	**18-23**	**78.3**	**5-5**	**5-8**	**6-7**	**2-3**	**52**	**3**
	Opponents	**11-15**	**73.3**	**4-4**	**1-2**	**4-6**	**2-3**	**54**	**1**

#	KICKOFFS	KO	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
29	B.T. Potter	80	5127	64.1	70	0
39	Aidan Swanson	4	249	62.2	0	1
41	Jonathan Weitz	4	210	52.5	1	0
36	Quinn Castner	1	65	65.0	1	0
	CLEMSON	**89**	**5651**	**63.5**	**72**	**1**
	Opponents	**41**	**2525**	**61.6**	**17**	**4**

#	PUNT RETURNS	PR	Yards	Avg	TD	LG
3	Amari Rodgers	9	64	7.1	0	21
22	Will Swinney	1	9	9.0	0	9
38	Elijah Turner	1	7	7.0	0	7
9	Travis Etienne	1	44	44.0	0	44
1	Derion Kendrick	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
	CLEMSON	**13**	**123**	**9.5**	**0**	**44**
	Opponents	**15**	**130**	**8.7**	**0**	**18**

#	KICKOFF RETURNS	KOR	Yards	Avg	TD	LG
23	Lyn-J Dixon	9	210	23.3	0	52
9	Travis Etienne	6	148	24.7	0	40
19	Michel Dukes	1	20	20.0	0	20
17	Cornell Powell	1	15	15.0	0	15
	CLEMSON	17	393	23.1	0	52
	Opponents	12	269	22.4	0	39

#	FUMBLE RETURNS	FR	Yards	Avg	TD	LG
17	Kane Patterson	1	57	57.0	0	57
1	Derion Kendrick	1	66	66.0	1	66
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	1	21	21.0	1	21
47	James Skalski	1	17	17.0	1	17
	CLEMSON	**4**	**161**	**40.2**	**3**	**66**
	Opponents	**3**	**123**	**41.0**	**3**	**97**

#	SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
29	B.T. Potter	0	18-23	57-58	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	111
9	Travis Etienne	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	90
16	Trevor Lawrence	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	42
3	Amari Rodgers	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
17	Cornell Powell	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
27	Chez Mellusi	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
84	Davis Allen	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
5	D.J. Uiagalelei	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	24
2	Frank Ladson Jr.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
88	Braden Galloway	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
23	Lyn-J Dixon	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
6	E.J. Williams	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
1	Derion Kendrick	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
25	J.C. Chalk	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
44	Nyles Pinckney	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
14	Kobe Pace	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
11	Ajou Ajou	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
21	Darien Rencher	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
47	James Skalski	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
39	Aidan Swanson	0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	2
11	Bryan Bresee	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
41	Jonathan Weitz	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	1
	CLEMSON	**63**	**18-23**	**60-61**	**0-0**	**0**	**0-2**	**0**	**1**	**494**
	Opponents	**23**	**11-16**	**22-22**	**0-0**	**0**	**0-1**	**0**	**0**	**193**

SCOREBOARD

Date	Site	W-L	Score	Opponent (AP,USA)	Attendance	CU AP,USA	Leading Rusher(s)	Leading Passer(s)	Leading Receiver(s)	Leading Tackler(s)
09/12	^A	W	37-13	* Wake Forest	68	1,1	Etienne (17-106)	Lawrence (22-28-351)	Rodgers (5-90)	Murphy (7)
09/19	**H**	**W**	**49-0**	**The Citadel**	**18,609**	**1,1**	**Etienne (8-68)**	**Lawrence (8-9-168)**	**Ladson (3-87)**	**G. Williams/Upshaw/Jor. Williams (6)**
10/03	**^H**	**W**	**41-23**	*** Virginia (RV,RV)**	**18,735**	**1,1**	**Etienne (14-73)**	**Lawrence (25-38-329)**	**Etienne (5-114)**	**Skalski/Ba. Spector (13)**
10/10	**^H**	**W**	**42-17**	*** Miami (Fla.) (7,7)**	**18,885**	**1,1**	**Etienne (17-149)**	**Lawrence (29-41-292)**	**Galloway (4-74)**	**J. Venables (7)**
10/17	A	W	73-7	* Georgia Tech	11,000	1,1	Etienne (11-44)	Lawrence (24-32-404)	Rodgers (6-161)	Booth (7)
10/24	**H**	**W**	**47-21**	*** Syracuse**	**18,629**	**1,1**	**Etienne (16-86)**	**Lawrence (27-43-289)**	**Rodgers (8-91)**	**T. Venables (8)**
10/31	**H**	**W**	**34-28**	*** Boston College (RV,RV)**	**18,690**	**1,1**	**Etienne (20-84)**	**Uiagalelei (30-41-342)**	**Etienne (7-140)**	**Charleston/Ba. Spector (8)**
11/07	^A	L(20T)	40-47	* Notre Dame (4,4)	11,011	1,1	Etienne (18-28)	Uiagalelei (29-44-439)	Powell (6-161)	Ba. Spector (9)
11/28	**H**	**W**	**52-17**	*** Pittsburgh**	**18,819**	**4,4**	**Etienne (11-58)**	**Lawrence (26-37-403)**	**Powell (6-176)**	**N. Turner (7)**
12/05	^A	W	45-10	* Virginia Tech	250	4,3	Etienne (16-66)	Lawrence (12-22-195)	Powell (4-90)	N. Turner (13)
12/19	N	W	34-10	Notre Dame (2,2)	5,240	4,3	Etienne (10-124)	Lawrence (25-36-322)	Rodgers (8-121)	N. Turner (9)
01/01	^N			Ohio State (3,3)		2,2				

* - ACC game; ^ - night game; Note: **Bold** denotes a Clemson home game; home attendance - 112,367 (18,728 per game); total (home, away, neutral) attendance - 139,936 (12,721 per game).

2020 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Category	WFU	CIT	VIR	MIA	GAT	SYR	BOC	UND	PIT	VAT	UND	Totals
Points	37	49	41	42	73	47	34	40	52	45	34	494
	13	0	23	17	7	21	28	47	17	10	10	193
Total Offense	561	405	466	550	671	455	448	473	581	433	541	5584
	330	162	417	210	204	325	275	518	246	333	263	3283
Plays	82	60	70	88	88	84	74	77	90	52	66	831
	72	59	81	54	58	58	59	79	67	64	58	709
Yards Per Play	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.2	7.6	5.4	6.1	6.1	6.5	8.3	8.2	6.7
	4.6	2.7	5.1	3.9	3.5	5.6	4.7	6.6	3.7	5.2	4.5	4.6
Rushing Yards	185	162	137	258	171	147	106	34	145	238	219	1802
	37	86	147	89	123	150	67	208	16	131	44	1089
Carries	46	33	31	44	39	37	31	33	38	30	30	389
	34	48	38	25	44	32	34	40	24	45	27	394
Passing Yards	376	243	329	292	500	308	342	439	436	195	322	3782
	293	76	270	121	81	175	208	310	230	202	219	2185
Completions	26	19	26	29	33	29	30	29	35	12	25	293
	19	3	24	12	6	10	13	22	24	15	20	168
Passing Attempts	36	27	39	44	49	47	43	44	52	22	39	442
	38	11	43	29	14	26	25	39	43	19	28	315
Had Intercepted	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
	0	0	2	3	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	13
Completion Percentage	72.2	70.4	66.7	65.9	67.3	61.7	69.8	65.9	67.3	54.5	64.1	66.3
	50.0	27.3	55.8	41.4	42.9	38.5	52.0	56.4	55.8	78.9	71.4	53.3
Passing Efficiency	163.6	182.6	162.9	144.2	196.1	126.5	151.9	164.7	156.8	134.9	145.3	157.55
	123.5	85.3	122.3	55.7	100.7	84.6	148.3	131.6	97.5	168.3	232.0	114.87
First Downs	27	16	22	34	29	27	26	22	27	19	23	272
	15	8	25	9	7	11	21	22	12	18	18	166
Total Touchdowns	4	7	5	6	10	6	4	4	7	6	4	63
	1	0	3	2	1	3	4	5	2	1	1	23
Rushing Touchdowns	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	4	4	2	31
	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	8
Passing Touchdowns	1	3	3	3	7	2	2	2	3	1	2	29
	1	0	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	11
Field Goals	3-3	0-0	2-2	0-3	1-1	2-3	2-2	4-4	1-2	1-1	2-2	18-23
	2-4	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-5	1-1	1-1	1-2	11-16
Punting	5-215	3-138	3-115	3-158	4-189	6-268	3-144	3-125	8-305	4-112	3-112	45-1881
	6-242	10-418	4-186	7-325	9-435	7-282	4-167	3-123	10-461	5-174	6-289	71-3102
Punting Average	43.0	46.0	38.3	52.7	47.2	44.7	48.0	41.7	38.1	28.0	37.3	41.8
	40.3	41.8	46.5	46.4	48.3	40.3	41.8	41.0	46.1	34.8	48.2	43.7
Net Punting Average	31.4	46.0	38.3	46.0	46.2	36.7	42.0	40.0	35.2	24.5	37.3	37.6
	37.0	30.9	39.2	46.3	46.9	40.3	41.2	41.0	46.1	29.4	47.8	40.8
Time of Possession	34:44	25:28	26:43	38:23	35:53	31:11	30:50	29:38	36:32	22:00	28:08	30:52
	25:16	34:32	33:17	21:37	24:07	28:49	29:10	30:22	23:28	38:00	31:52	29:08
Third-Down Conversions	8-15	8-14	8-15	8-17	9-17	8-17	7-16	4-15	7-18	3-9	8-14	78-167
	5-17	3-16	6-16	4-15	2-14	4-13	4-11	10-19	4-17	4-11	3-12	49-161
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-1	3-3	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	10-13
	0-1	1-2	4-5	1-2	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	7-19
Red-Zone Scoring	5-5	4-4	4-4	3-6	8-8	6-7	3-4	5-5	6-7	4-5	2-2	49-56
	3-4	0-0	3-4	1-1	0-0	1-2	3-3	5-6	3-3	1-2	0-1	20-26
Red-Zone Touchdowns	4-5	4-4	4-4	3-6	7-8	4-7	2-4	3-5	6-7	3-5	0-2	39-56
	1-4	0-0	2-4	1-1	0-0	1-2	3-3	3-6	2-3	1-2	0-1	14-26
Red-Zone Points	31	28	28	21	52	33	15	27	42	24	6	307
	13	0	16	7	0	7	21	27	17	7	0	115
Turnovers	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	13
	0	1	2	3	3	4	0	1	5	3	0	22
Points Off Turnovers	0	7	10	7	17	17	0	0	28	14	0	100
	7	0	0	0	0	7	7	10	7	0	0	38
Penalties	5-55	5-35	8-65	8-85	2-20	4-25	9-82	4-46	8-55	4-30	5-60	62-558
	1-6	11-75	1-15	15-135	3-40	5-35	12-92	7-51	6-33	2-25	2-25	65-531
Punt Returns	0-0	5-89	1-9	1-1	1-13	0-0	3-2	0-0	0-0	1-7	1-2	13-123
	3-38	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	3-28	1-18	1-5	2-23	1-14	1-0	15-130
Kickoff Returns	1-15	0-0	1-52	0-0	2-25	2-73	3-74	5-81	1-20	0-0	2-53	17-393
	1-27	1-16	1-18	1-18	2-44	1-24	1-24	0-0	1-39	1-22	2-37	12-269
Interception Returns	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-8	1-31	3-66	0-0	0-0	4-13	0-0	0-0	13-118
	1-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-9	1-39	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-14	5-67
Fumble Returns	0-0	1-17	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-21	0-0	0-0	1-57	1-66	0-0	4-161
	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-97	2-26	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-123
Sacks	6-32	4-23	3-12	5-33	4-34	2-10	4-38	2-8	6-53	2-14	6-39	44-296
	3-32	1-9	2-20	1-3	2-14	1-2	1-13	2-14	3-21	0-0	2-6	18-134

Note: Clemson totals on top, opponent totals on bottom.

2020 INDIVDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING	#1 BOWMAN (RB)			#9 ETIENNE (RB)			#14 PACE (RB)			#19 DUKES (RB)			#21 RENCHER (RB)			#23 DIXON (RB)			#27 MELLUSI (RB)			#32 MAYERS (RB)			#5 UIAGALELEI (QB)		
Opponent	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD
Wake Forest	6	22	0	17	102	1	6	22	0	-	-	-	7	34	0	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	1	3	0
The Citadel	**3**	**10**	**0**	**8**	**68**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**0**	**4**	**28**	**0**	**3**	**10**	**0**	**4**	**25**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**2**
Virginia	**NWT**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**73**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**11**	**0**	**3**	**10**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**5**	**0**
Miami (Fla.)	**NWT**	**-**	**-**	**17**	**149**	**2**	**2**	**9**	**0**	**3**	**16**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**12**	**0**	**2**	**13**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**17**	**0**
Georgia Tech	NWT	-	-	11	44	1	4	21	0	3	31	0	4	11	0	5	32	0	5	21	1	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-
Syracuse	**NWT**	**-**	**-**	**16**	**86**	**3**	**3**	**15**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**10**	**0**	**7**	**22**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Boston College	**NWT**	**-**	**-**	**20**	**84**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**25**	**1**
Notre Dame	NWT	-	-	18	28	1	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	DNP	-	-	13	2	1
Pittsburgh	**NWT**	**-**	**-**	**11**	**58**	**2**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**-2**	**0**	**9**	**46**	**1**	**5**	**27**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Virginia Tech	NWT	-	-	16	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	3	37	1	3	44	0	DNP	-	-	0	0	0
Notre Dame	NWT	-	-	10	124	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	DNP	-	-	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**9**	**32**	**0**	**158**	**882**	**13**	**18**	**75**	**0**	**855**	**0**	**0**	**24**	**137**	**1**	**40**	**170**	**2**	**27**	**151**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**28**	**60**	**4**

RUSHING	#7 PHOMMACHANH (QB)			#16 LAWRENCE (QB)			#18 HELMS (QB)			#13 BR. SPECTOR (WR)			#44 PINCKNEY (DT)			#48 SPIERS (P)		
Opponent	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD	Car	Yds	TD
Wake Forest	1	7	0	7	-24	2	DNP	-	-	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Citadel	**2**	**13**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**-9**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**36**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Miami (Fla.)	**2**	**3**	**0**	**8**	**34**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	2	2	0	3	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Syracuse	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**17**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**0**
Boston College	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**8**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Virginia Tech	DNP	-	-	7	41	2	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	14	90	1	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**725**	**0**	**0**	**58**	**211**	**7**	**2**	**-7**	**0**	**2**	**21**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**0**

PASSING	#5 UIAGALELEI (QB)						#7 PHOMMACHANH (QB)						#16 LAWRENCE (QB)						#18 HELMS (QB)						MISC. PASSERS					
Opponent	Cmp	Att	Yds	Int	TD	Eff	Cmp	Att	Yds	Int	TD	Eff	Cmp	Att	Yds	Int	TD	Eff	Cmp	Att	Yds	Int	TD	Eff	Cmp	Att	Yds	Int	TD	Eff
Wake Forest	2	3	16	0	0	111.47	2	4	9	1	0	18.90	22	28	351	0	1	195.66	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	-
The Citadel	**8**	**11**	**75**	**0**	**0**	**130.00**	**1**	**5**	**-1**	**0**	**0**	**18.32**	**8**	**9**	**168**	**0**	**3**	**355.69**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**104.20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**
Virginia	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100.00**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**25**	**38**	**329**	**0**	**3**	**164.57**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**
Miami (Fla.)	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**29**	**41**	**292**	**0**	**3**	**154.70**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**
Georgia Tech	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	9	0	0	39.37	24	32	404	1	5	226.36	5	7	74	0	2	254.51	2	3(48)	13	0	0	103.07
Syracuse	**1**	**3**	**11**	**0**	**0**	**64.13**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**27**	**43**	**289**	**1**	**2**	**129.94**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**1(3)**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**167.20**
Boston College	**30**	**41**	**342**	**0**	**2**	**159.34**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**
Notre Dame	29	44	439	0	2	164.72	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	-
Pittsburgh	**7**	**12**	**31**	**0**	**1**	**107.53**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**26**	**37**	**403**	**0**	**2**	**179.60**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**72.27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	12	22	195	1	1	134.91	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	-
Notre Dame	0	1	0	0	0	0.00	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	25	36	322	1	2	157.36	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	-
TOTALS	**78**	**117**	**914**	**0**	**5**	**147.31**	**5**	**17**	**17**	**1**	**0**	**26.05**	**198**	**286**	**2753**	**5**	**23**	**170.18**	**9**	**12**	**77**	**0**	**2**	**183.90**	**(#3 Rodgers, #48 Spiers)**					

RECEIVING	#2 LADSON (WR)			#3 RODGERS (WR)			#6 E. WILLIAMS (WR)			#10 NGATA (WR)			#11 AJOU (WR)			#13 BR. SPECTOR (WR)			#17 POWELL (WR)			#22 W. SWINNEY (WR)			#45 JACKSON (WR)		
Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Wake Forest	1	21	0	5	90	0	1	6	0	3	48	0	1	6	0	1	16	0	2	15	0	1	3	0	DNP	-	-
The Citadel	**3**	**87**	**2**	**1**	**44**	**1**	**3**	**58**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**25**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**5**	**71**	**0**	**6**	**72**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**32**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**
Miami (Fla.)	**3**	**43**	**0**	**7**	**62**	**0**	**1**	**-4**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**10**	**0**	**2**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	3	21	1	6	161	2	2	29	0	1	6	0	1	35	1	1	20	0	4	50	1	2	13	0	DNP	-	-
Syracuse	**2**	**29**	**0**	**8**	**91**	**0**	**2**	**22**	**0**	**2**	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**45**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**
Boston College	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**66**	**1**	**2**	**24**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**11**	**105**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**
Notre Dame	0	0	0	8	134	0	1	8	0	1	14	0	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	6	161	1	0	0	0	DNP	-	-
Pittsburgh	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**10**	**93**	**0**	**3**	**38**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**26**	**0**	**6**	**176**	**1**	**2**	**10**	**0**	**1**	**-2**	**0**
Virginia Tech	DNP	-	-	3	32	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	1	10	0	4	90	1	0	0	0	DNP	-	-
Notre Dame	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**8**	**121**	**1**	**4**	**80**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**59**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
TOTALS	**17**	**272**	**3**	**69**	**966**	**7**	**19**	**161**	**2**	**7**	**83**	**0**	**2**	**41**	**1**	**14**	**120**	**0**	**45**	**743**	**5**	**7**	**29**	**0**	**1**	**-2**	**0**

RECEIVING (cont.)	#81 D. SWINNEY (WR)			#82 W. BROWN (WR)			#89 MAY (WR)			#25 CHALK (TE)			#84 D. ALLEN (TE)			#85 LAY (TE)			#88 GALLOWAY (TE)			#9 ETIENNE (RB)			#14 PACE (RB)		
Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Wake Forest	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	1	42	0	0	0	0	5	60	0	3	47	0	0	0	0
The Citadel	**2**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**17**	**0**	**5**	**114**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**
Miami (Fla.)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**22**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**74**	**2**	**8**	**73**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	1	12	0	1	9	0	1	1	0	1	12	0	3	67	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	29	0	2	21	1
Syracuse	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**0**	**1**	**17**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**33**	**0**	**3**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Boston College	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**140**	**1**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	2	19	1	0	0	0	3	46	0	8	57	0	DNP	-	-
Pittsburgh	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**37**	**0**	**3**	**20**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Virginia Tech	DNP	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	0	0	0	0	1	49	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Notre Dame	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**15**	**0**	**3**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
TOTALS	**3**	**18**	**0**	**3**	**27**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**6**	**43**	**1**	**14**	**212**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**25**	**331**	**2**	**44**	**524**	**2**	**5**	**26**	**1**

RECEIVING (cont.)	#21 RENCHER (RB)			#23 DIXON (RB)			#27 MELLUSI (RB)			#16 LAWRENCE (QB)		
Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Wake Forest	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	0	0	0
The Citadel	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Miami (Fla.)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syracuse	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**8**	**0**
Boston College	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-
Pittsburgh	**2**	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	**1**	**1**	**0**	DNP	-	-	**1**	**2**	**0**	0	0	0
TOTALS	**3**	**16**	**0**	**2**	**21**	**0**	**4**	**9**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**0**

2020 INDIVDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

KICKING	#29 POTTER (FG)		#39 SWANSON (PUNT)					#48 SPIERS (PUNT)				
Opponent	Made	Missed	No.	Yds	Avg	In20	50+	No.	Yds	Avg	In20	50+
Wake Forest	42,52,29	-	1	44	44.0	0	0	4	171	42.8	1	1
The Citadel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	138	46.0	2	1
Virginia	47,42	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	115	38.3	1	0
Miami (Fla.)	-	37,61,33	-	-	-	-	-	3	158	52.7	1	2
Georgia Tech	30	-	1	37	37.0	1	0	3	152	50.7	1	1
Syracuse	24,36	37	-	-	-	-	-	5	268	53.6	2	4
Boston College	33,50	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	144	48.0	2	1
Notre Dame	25,45,46,30	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	125	41.7	1	0
Pittsburgh	46	41	1	50	50.0	1	1	6	247	41.2	1	0
Virginia Tech	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	112	28.0	1	0
Notre Dame	27, 37	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	112	37.3	3	0
TOTALS	18	5	3	131	43.7	2	1	40	1742	43.6	16	10

RETURNS	#9 ETIENNE (KR)				#23 DIXON (KR)				MISC. KICK RETURN				#3 RODGERS (PR)				#9 ETIENNE (PR)				#22 W. SWINNEY (PR)				MISC. PUNT RETURN			
Opponent	KR	Yds	Avg.	TD	KR	Yds	Avg.	TD	KR	Yds	Avg.	TD	PR	Yds	Avg.	TD	PR	Yds	Avg.	TD	PR	Yds	Avg.	TD	KR	Yds	Avg.	TD
Wake Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(17)	15	15.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Citadel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	37	18.5	0	1	44	44.0	0	1	9	9.0	0	1(1)	-1	-1	0
Virginia	-	-	-	-	1	52	52.0	0	-	-	-	-	1	9	9.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miami (Fla.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia Tech	-	-	-	-	2	25	12.5	0	-	-	-	-	1	13	13.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syracuse	-	-	-	-	2	73	36.5	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston College	1	40	40.0	0	2	34	17.5	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	0.7	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notre Dame	3	55	18.3	0	2	26	13.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(19)	20	20.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia Tech	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(38)	7	7	0
Notre Dame	2	53	26.5	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2.0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	148	24.7	0	9	210	23.3	0	(#17 Powell, #19 Dukes)				6	62	10.3	0	1	44	44.0	0	1	9	9.0	0	(#1 Kendrick, #38 Turner)			

DEFENSE	#3 THOMAS (DL)				#5 HENRY (DL)				#7 MASCOLL (DL)				#8 T. WILLIAMS (DL)				#11 BRESEE (DL)				#13 T. DAVIS (DL)				#19 CAPEHART (DL)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack
Wake Forest	DNP	-	-	-	37	5	1	1	34	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	35	3	0.5	0.5	18	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
The Citadel	DNP	-	-	-	21	2	0	0	21	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	22	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	12	3	2	1
Virginia	DNP	-	-	-	51	4	0.5	0.5	49	5	1	1	DNP	-	-	-	55	4	1	1	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Miami (Fla.)	3	0	0	0	31	1	1	0	27	3	1	1	DNP	-	-	-	22	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
Georgia Tech	20	3	0.5	0	23	2	0	0	23	0	0	0	11	4	1	0	21	1	0	0	21	2	2	1	DNP	-	-	-
Syracuse	25	3	1	1	28	2	0	0	32	3	1.5	0	DNP	-	-	-	35	2	0.5	0.5	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Boston College	13	1	1	1	26	0	0	0	41	4	1	0	DNP	-	-	-	56	3	1	1	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Notre Dame	11	1	0	0	57	5	1	1	34	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	56	5	1	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	22	1	1	1	23	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	32	2	0	0	33	2	1	1	4	0	0	0
Virginia Tech	25	2	0.5	0.5	17	2	1.5	0	29	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	30	2	0	0	36	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	-	32	4	1	1	25	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	31	3	0	0	27	4	2	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	119	11	4	3.5	346	27	6	3.5	338	26	4.5	2	14	4	1	0	395	27	4	3	155	14	5	2	20	3	2	1

DEFENSE (cont.)	#32 REUBEN (DL)				#33 ORHORHORO (DL)				#34 BRISSEY (DL)				#40 G. WILLIAMS (DL)				#44 PINCKNEY (DL)				#53 UPSHAW (DL)				#59 JOR. WILLIAMS (DL)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack
Wake Forest	DNP	-	-	-	14	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	12	0	0	0	28	3	0.5	0	36	4	1.5	1	27	0	0	0
The Citadel	19	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	2	0	0	0	27	6	1	1	13	3	1	0	34	6	0.5	0.5	21	5	0	0
Virginia	5	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	48	1	0	0	25	4	0	0	46	2	0	0
Miami (Fla.)	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	7	2	1	1	15	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Georgia Tech	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	9	0	0	0	22	2	0	0	17	3	0.5	0	18	1	1	0
Syracuse	2	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	2	0	0	0	19	3	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Boston College	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	20	3	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	23	1	0	0
Notre Dame	4	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	26	3	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	14	1	1	1	7	0	0	0
Virginia Tech	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	9	1	0	0	20	1	0	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Notre Dame	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	2	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	16	1	0	0
TOTALS	40	4	0	0	30	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	67	7	1	1	231	24	3	1	162	19	3.5	2.5	209	10	1	0

DEFENSE (cont.)	#90 JEFFERIES (DL)				#91 EDDIS (DL)				#92 RANDOLPH (DL)				#95 JAM. EDWARDS (DL)				#98 MURPHY (DL)				#6 M. JONES (LB)				#10 BA. SPECTOR (LB)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack
Wake Forest	13	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	29	7	3	2	38	6	0	0	33	6	0.5	0.5
The Citadel	24	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	8	1	0	0	15	3	2	0	18	0	0	0	7	2	0.5	0
Virginia	4	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	39	6	0	0	66	3	0	0	62	13	1.5	0.5
Miami (Fla.)	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	42	5	1	0.5	55	1	0	0	43	6	2.5	1.5
Georgia Tech	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	22	4	1.5	1	29	4	2	0	40	4	0	0
Syracuse	4	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	29	3	0.5	0	48	3	0.5	0.5	47	4	0.5	0
Boston College	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	46	3	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	64	8	1	0
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	60	5	1	0	DNP	-	-	-	81	9	2	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	30	2	0	0	23	3	1	1
Virginia Tech	1	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	24	7	1	0	32	8	1.5	0	28	7	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	30	1	0.5	0.5	15	1	0	0	30	5	0	0
TOTALS	49	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	368	45	10.5	4	331	28	4	0.5	458	67	9.5	3.5

DEFENSE (cont.)	#14 SWINT (LB)				#15 J. VENABLES (LB)				#17 PATTERSON (LB)				#22 SIMPSON (LB)				#30 MAGUIRE (LB)				#42 BENTLEY (LB)				#45 S. ALLEN (LB)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack
Wake Forest	10	0	0	0	35	3	0	0	13	2	0	0	18	1	0	0	24	3	1	0	16	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
The Citadel	16	3	0.5	0.5	27	6	1	0	17	1	1	0	13	2	1	1	19	3	0	0	18	1	0	0	12	2	0	0
Virginia	DNP	-	-	-	22	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
Miami (Fla.)	DNP	-	-	-	15	7	1	0.5	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
Georgia Tech	9	0	0	0	21	2	1	1	11	1	0	0	22	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	7	1	0	0	6	1	0	0
Syracuse	0	0	0	0	50	7	0.5	0	8	1	0	0	10	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston College	0	0	0	0	63	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	29	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	78	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	75	7	0.5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	18	4	0	0	39	2	1	1	7	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	31	4	1	0	34	4	1	0	19	5	2	0	20	4	1.5	1.5	DNP	-	-	-
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	5	2	0	0	25	5	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-
TOTALS	35	3	0.5	0.5	319	44	5.5	2.5	108	16	2	0	268	32	6.5	4	100	16	3	0	73	16	4.5	3.5	18	3	0	0

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DEFENSE (cont.)	#46 McMAHAN (LB)				#47 SKALSKI (LB)				#48 D. COTE (LB)				#49 MALONEY (LB)				#1 KENDRICK (DB)				#2 F. DAVIS (DB)				#9 MICKENS (DB)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	TFL	Sack	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT
Wake Forest	DNP	-	-	-	15	3	1	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	39	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
The Citadel	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**13**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**22**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**34**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**68**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**43**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**11**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Miami (Fla.)	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**55**	**5**	**0.5**	**0.5**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**23**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	DNP	-	-	-	17	4	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	23	1	0	0	16	1	0	0	5	0	0	0
Syracuse	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**23**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Boston College	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**41**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	78	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**45**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**31**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Virginia Tech	DNP	-	-	-	5	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	50	3	0	0	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Notre Dame	DNP	-	-	-	46	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	39	4	0	0	15	2	2	0	4	0	0	0
TOTALS	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**264**	**39**	**3.5**	**1.5**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**319**	**20**	**5**	**1**	**183**	**13**	**2**	**0**	**36**	**2**	**0**	**0**

DEFENSE (cont.)	#12 T. VENABLES (DB)				#16 THORNTON (DB)				#18 CHARLESTON (DB)				#20 L. WILLIAMS (DB)				#21 M. GREENE (DB)				#23 BOOTH (DB)				#24 N. TURNER (DB)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT
Wake Forest	22	4	0	0	15	2	0	0	29	4	0	0	30	3	0	0	19	0	1	0	27	3	1	0	35	3	0	0
The Citadel	**17**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**14**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**26**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**25**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**11**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**11**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**43**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**36**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**71**	**8**	**0**	**1**
Miami (Fla.)	**13**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**24**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**46**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	20	2	0	0	22	3	0	0	28	5	0	0	12	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	22	7	0	0	**27**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Syracuse	**16**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**46**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**38**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**48**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Boston College	**9**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**54**	**8**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**36**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**63**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Notre Dame	37	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	67	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	0	0	68	6	1	0
Pittsburgh	**38**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**29**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**56**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**27**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**35**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**43**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**57**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Virginia Tech	15	1	0	0	17	2	0	0	43	4	0	0	10	2	0	0	18	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	56	13	0	0
Notre Dame	10	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	52	5	0	0	13	2	0	0	44	6	0	0	7	0	0	0	49	9	0	0
TOTALS	**208**	**23**	**3**	**0**	**141**	**14**	**1**	**0**	**432**	**47**	**2**	**0**	**113**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**155**	**14**	**2**	**1**	**287**	**28**	**4**	**2**	**533**	**61**	**3**	**3**

DEFENSE (cont.)	#25 PHILLIPS (DB)				#26 S. JONES (DB)				#27 DONNELLY (DB)				#31 GOODRICH (DB)				#36 ZANDERS (DB)				#38 E. TURNER (DB)			
Opponent	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT	Snaps	Tack	PBU	INT
Wake Forest	11	0	0	0	33	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	44	6	0	0	10	0	0	0
The Citadel	**26**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**18**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**16**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Virginia	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**41**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**45**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Miami (Fla.)	**45**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**35**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**29**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**43**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Georgia Tech	13	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	21	3	0	0	6	0	0	0
Syracuse	**12**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**36**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**42**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Boston College	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**31**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**17**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**63**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Notre Dame	6	0	0	0	49	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**DNP**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**15**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Virginia Tech	24	6	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	2	0	0	DNP	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	9	3	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	5	0	0	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**146**	**16**	**2**	**1**	**288**	**21**	**3**	**1**	**6**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**212**	**13**	**1**	**2**	**338**	**29**	**3**	**0**	**59**	**8**	**0**	**0**

2020 SUPERLATIVES

TEAM

Category	2020 Clemson Team High	Clemson Team Record	2020 Opponent Team High	Opponent Team Record
Total Offense	671 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	756 vs. **Wake Forest, 10-31-1981**	519 by Notre Dame, 11-7	771 by Florida State, 11-4-2000
Plays	90 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	102 vs. **NC State, 11-17-2012**	81 by **Virginia, 10-3**	99 by **South Carolina, 11-12-1968** 99 by **Louisville, 10-1-2016**
Yards Per Play	8.3 vs. Virginia Tech, 12-5	11.6 vs. **Louisville, 11-3-2018**	6.5 by Notre Dame, 11-7	9.3 by Florida State, 11-4-2000
Rushing Yards	258 vs. **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	615 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17-1903	209 by Notre Dame, 11-7	478 by Tulane, 11-18-1944
Carries	46 vs. Wake Forest, 9-12	78 vs. Duke, 10-20-1979	48 by **The Citadel, 9-19**	82 by North Carolina, 11-15-1969
Yards Per Carry	8.1 vs. Notre Dame, 12-19	13.3 vs. **Louisville, 11-3-2018**	5.1 by Notre Dame, 11-7	
Rushing Touchdowns	4 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-28** 4 vs. Virginia Tech, 12-5	11 vs. **Presbyterian College, 9-25-1948**	3 by Notre Dame, 11-7	
Passing Yards	500 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	580 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	310 by Notre Dame, 11-7	521 by Florida State, 11-4-2000
Completions	35 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	52 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	24 by **Virginia, 10-3** 24 by **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	39 by Texas Tech, 12-23-2002
Passing Attempts	52 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	70 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	43 by **Virginia, 10-3** 43 by **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	59 by Louisiana Tech, 12-31-2001
Completion %(10 comp.)	72.2 vs. Wake Forest, 9-12	88.2 vs. **The Citadel, 9-16-1978**	78.9 by Virginia Tech, 12-5	84.6 by NC State, 10-20-1990
Passing Efficiency(10 comp.)	196.1 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	262.9 vs. **Furman, 9-15-2007**	168.3 by Virginia Tech, 12-5	232.2 by Florida State, 9-11-1993
Passing Touchdowns	7 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	7 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17-2020	3 by **Virginia, 10-3**	6 by Florida State, 9-11-1993 6 by West Virginia, 1-4-2012
Longest Pass	83 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	97 vs. **Virginia, 11-16-1974**	83 by **Syracuse, 10-24**	98 by Florida State, 11-4-2000
First Downs	34 vs. **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	40 vs. **South Carolina, 11-26-2016**	25 by **Virginia, 10-3**	35 by Maryland, 11-17-1984
Total Touchdowns	10 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	12 vs. **Wake Forest, 10-31-1981**	5 by Notre Dame, 11-7	10 by West Virginia, 1-4-2012
Points	73 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	122 vs. **Guilford, 10-5-1901**	47 by Notre Dame, 11-7	74 by Alabama, 11-14-1931
Field Goals	4 vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	6 vs. **Texas A&M, 9-3-2005** 6 vs. **Boston College, 9-19-2009**	4 by Notre Dame, 11-7	6 by **Duke, 10-16-1976**
Punting Average(3 punts)	52.7 vs. **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	56.7 vs. Wake Forest, 11-1-1986	48.3 by Georgia Tech, 10-17	57.7 by **Wake Forest, 11-16-2019**
Time of Possession	38:23 vs. **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	42:58 vs. **North Carolina, 11-7-1992**	38:00 by Virginia Tech, 12-5	41:52 by **North Texas, 9-4-2010**
Penalties	9 vs. **Boston College, 10-31**	20 vs. NC State, 10-13-2001	15 by **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	21 by Mississippi State, 12-30-1999
Penalty Yards	85 vs. **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	181 vs. NC State, 10-13-2001	135 by **Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	188 by Mississippi State, 12-30-1999
Turnovers	3 vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	10 vs. Florida, 10-11-1952	5 by **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	9 by **Georgia, 9-19-1981**
Third-Down Conversions	9 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	15 vs. **Western Carolina, 9-3-1983**	10 by Notre Dame, 11-7	15 by **Georgia, 9-21-1985**
Third-Down Conversion %	57.1 vs. **The Citadel, 9-19** 57.1 vs. Notre Dame, 12-19	100.0 vs. **Wake Forest, 10-31-1981**	52.6 by Notre Dame, 11-7	72.7 by Florida State, 9-11-1993
Field Position	38 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	49 vs. **Florida Atlantic, 9-2-2006**	31 by many (3)	50 by Wake Forest, 10-7-2006
Punt Return Yards	89 vs. **The Citadel, 9-19**	227 vs. **Georgia Tech, 9-26-1987**	38 by Wake Forest, 9-12	150 by **Florida State, 9-20-1997**
Kickoff Return Yards	81 vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	286 vs. Florida State, 9-25-2004	44 by Georgia Tech, 10-17	290 by **North Carolina, 10-22-2011**
Interception Return Yards	66 vs. **Syracuse, 10-24**	143 vs. Maryland, 10-31-1970	39 by **Syracuse, 10-24**	166 by **Auburn, 11-21-1953**
Interceptions By Defense	4 vs. **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	6 vs. South Carolina, 11-27-1971 6 vs. NC State, 9-30-1995	1 by many (5)	7 by South Carolina, 10-25-1945
Fumble Return Yards	66 vs. Virginia Tech, 12-5	93 vs. Virginia, 9-19-1998	97 by **Boston College, 10-31**	103 by West Virginia, 1-4-2012
Sacks	6 vs. many (3)	12 vs. **Furman, 9-7-1996**	3 by Wake Forest, 9-12 3 by **Pittsburgh, 11-28**	7 by **Florida State, 9-20-1997** 7 by **Virginia, 10-11-1997**

INDIVIDUAL

Category	2020 Clemson Individual Best	Clemson Individual Record	2020 Opponent Individual Best	Opponent Individual Record
Total Offense	441 by D.J. Uiagalelei vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	588 by **Deshaun Watson vs. Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	374 by Ian Book (Notre Dame) 11-7	521 by Joe Burrow (Louisiana State) 1-13-2020
Rushing Yards	149 by **Travis Etienne vs. Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	263 by **Raymond Priester vs. Duke, 11-11-1995**	140 by Kyrin Williams (Notre Dame) 11-7	256 by Steve Wadiak (South Carolina), 10-19-1950
Carries	20 by **Travis Etienne vs. Boston College, 10-31**	36 by many (3)	23 by Kyrin Williams (Notre Dame) 11-7	45 by James McDougald (Wake Forest), 10-9-1976
Rushing Touchdowns	3 by **Travis Etienne vs. Syracuse, 10-24**	5 by Stumpy Banks vs. Furman, 10-13-1917 5 by Maxcey Welch vs. Newberry, 10-17-1930	3 by Kyrin Williams (Notre Dame) 11-7	4 by many (4)
Longest Carry	72 by **Travis Etienne vs. Miami (Fla.), 10-10**	90 by many (3)	65 by Kyrin Williams (Notre Dame) 11-7	98 by Steve Atkins (Maryland), 11-18-1978
Passing Yards	439 by D.J. Uiagalelei vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	580 by **Deshaun Watson vs. Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	310 by Ian Book (Notre Dame) 11-7	521 by Chris Weinke (Florida State), 11-4-2000
Completions	30 by **D.J. Uiagalelei vs. Boston College, 10-31**	52 by **Deshaun Watson vs. Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	24 by **Brennan Armstrong (Virginia) 10-3**	35 by **George Godsey (Georgia Tech), 10-28-2000**
Passing Attempts	44 by D.J. Uiagalelei vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	70 by **Deshaun Watson vs. Pittsburgh, 11-12-2016**	43 by **Brennan Armstrong (Virginia) 10-3**	57 by **Kip Allen (The Citadel), 10-4-1986** 57 by **George Godsey (Georgia Tech), 10-28-2000**
Completion %(10 comp.)	78.6 by Trevor Lawrence vs. Wake Forest, 9-12	95.0 by **Cole Stoudt vs. South Carolina State, 9-7-2013**	83.3 by Braxton Burmeister (Virginia Tech) 12-5	100.0 by **Darian Durant (North Carolina), 10-20-2001**
Passing Efficiency(10 comp.)	226.4 by Trevor Lawrence vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	261.9 by Tajh Boyd vs. Syracuse, 10-5-2013	172.2 by Braxton Burmeister (Virginia Tech) 12-5	245.5 by Mike Elkins (Wake Forest), 10-29-1988
Passing Touchdowns	5 by Trevor Lawrence vs. Georgia Tech, 10-17	6 by **Deshaun Watson vs. North Carolina, 9-27-2014**	3 by **Brennan Armstrong (Virginia) 10-3**	6 by Geno Smith (West Virginia), 1-4-2012
Receptions	11 by **Cornell Powell vs. Boston College, 10-31**	16 by Sammy Watkins vs. Ohio State, 1-3-2014	10 by **Billy Kemp IV (Virginia) 10-3**	14 by **Kelly Campbell (Georgia Tech), 10-28-2000**
Receiving Yards	176 by **Cornell Powell vs. Pittsburgh, 11-28**	227 by Sammy Watkins vs. Ohio State, 1-3-2014	102 by Javon McKinley (Notre Dame) 11-7	249 by **Peter Warrick (Florida State), 9-20-1997**
Receiving Touchdowns	2 by many (4)	3 by many (9)	1 by many (11)	4 by **Torry Holt (NC State), 10-31-1998** by Tavon Austin (West Virginia), 1-4-2012
All-Purpose Yards	264 by **Travis Etienne vs. Boston College, 10-31**	345 by Sammy Watkins vs. Maryland, 10-15-2011	154 by **Nykeim Johnson (Syracuse) 10-24**	496 by **Tobais Palmer (NC State), 11-17-2012**
Total Touchdowns	3 by **Travis Etienne vs. Syracuse, 10-24**	5 by Stumpy Banks vs. Furman, 10-13-1917 5 by Maxcey Welch vs. Newberry, 10-17-1930	3 by Kyrin Williams (Notre Dame) 11-7	4 by many (7)
Points	18 by **Travis Etienne vs. Syracuse, 10-24**	33 by **Maxcey Welch vs. Newberry, 10-17-1930**	18 by Kyrin Williams (Notre Dame) 11-7	24 by many (7)
Field Goals	4 by B.T. Potter vs. Notre Dame, 11-7	6 by **Jad Dean vs. Texas A&M, 9-3-2005** by **Richard Jackson vs. Boston College, 9-19-2009**	4 by Jonathan Doerer (Notre Dame) 11-7	6 by **Vince Fusco (Duke), 10-17-1976**
Longest Field Goal	52 by B.T. Potter vs. Wake Forest, 9-12	61 by **Spencer Benton vs. Ball State, 9-8-2012**	54 by Brian Johnson (Virginia Tech) 12-5	60 by Kevin Butler (Georgia), 9-22-1984
Punting Average(3 punts)	53.6 by **Will Spiers vs. Syracuse, 10-24**	55.3 by **Dale Hatcher vs. Kentucky, 10-2-1982**	64.0 by **Nolan Cooney (Syracuse) 10-24**	
Punt Return Yards	44 by **Travis Etienne vs. The Citadel, 9-19**	167 by Don Kelley vs. Maryland, 10-20, 1970	38 by Taylor Morin (Wake Forest) 9-12	
Kickoff Return Yards	73 by **Lyn-J Dixon vs. Syracuse, 10-24**	282 by Justin Miller vs. Florida State, 9-25-2004	44 by Dontae Smith (Georgia Tech) 10-17	
Interception Return Yards	40 by **Mike Jones Jr. vs. Syracuse, 10-24**	101 by **Willie Underwood vs. South Carolina, 11-22-1980**	39 by **Garrett Williams (Syracuse) 10-24**	128 by **Dennis Tabron (Duke), 10-18-1980**
Interceptions	2 by **Mario Goodrich vs. Pittsburgh, 11-28**	3 by many (5)	1 by many (5)	4 by Jim Dooley (Miami (Fla.)), 1-1-1952
Fumble Return Yards	66 by Derion Kendrick vs. Virginia Tech, 12-5	93 by Antwan Edwards vs. Virginia, 9-19-1998	97 by **Brandon Sebastian (Boston College) 10-31**	
Tackles	13 by many (3)	27 by Keith Adams vs. South Carolina, 11-20-1999	12 by Zion Keith (Wake Forest) 9-12 12 by **Nick Jackson (Virginia) 10-3**	29 by **Ed Stetz (Wake Forest) 10-30-1971**
Tackles For Loss	3 by Myles Murphy vs. Wake Forest, 9-12	6 by **Keith Adams vs. Duke, 11-6-1999** 6 by Andre Branch vs. Virginia Tech, 10-1-2011	3 by **Gilbert Frierson (MIami (Fla.)) 10-10**	4.5 by **Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina), 11-24-2012** 4.5 by **Brian Burns (Florida State) 11-11-2017**
Sacks	2 by Myles Murphy vs. Wake Forest, 9-12	4 by **Keith Adams vs. Duke, 11-6-1999** 4 by Andre Branch vs. Virginia Tech, 10-1-2011	2 by **Rashad Weaver (Pittsburgh) 11-28**	4.5 by **Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina), 11-24-2012**

Note: Numbers in (parentheses) denote minimums; **bold** denotes a Clemson home game.

2020 CLEMSON DRIVE CHARTS

WAKE FOREST

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	15:00	25	3	-12	1:10	Punt
2	**1**	**11:31**	**8**	**9**	**92**	**3:29**	**TD**
3	**1**	**5:52**	**20**	**9**	**80**	**3:21**	**TD**
4	**1**	**0:08**	**26**	**10**	**49**	**4:14**	**FG**
5	2	9:17	41	5	17	2:02	Punt
6	**2**	**5:22**	**9**	**10**	**91**	**4:01**	**TD**
7	**2**	**0:49**	**34**	**6**	**31**	**0:49**	**FG**
8	**3**	**13:21**	**25**	**6**	**75**	**2:43**	**TD**
9	**3**	**7:18**	**23**	**9**	**65**	**4:04**	**FG**
10	3	1:41	27	7	27	2:58	Punt
11	4	11:04	20	3	8	1:56	Punt
12	4	7:14	15	5	16	2:11	Int
13	4	2:34	25	3	7	1:40	Punt

THE CITADEL

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**15:00**	**25**	**7**	**75**	**2:24**	**TD**
2	**1**	**10:10**	***49**	**1**	**49**	**0:29**	**TD**
3	**1**	**5:45**	***45**	**8**	**45**	**3:45**	**TD**
4	**2**	**14:13**	***6**	**3**	**6**	**1:13**	**TD**
5	**2**	**10:59**	**28**	**3**	**72**	**1:04**	**TD**
6	**2**	**8:31**	**39**	**8**	**61**	**3:00**	**TD**
7	2	0:32	8	3	5	0:32	Half
8	3	12:29	14	9	54	4:13	Downs
9	3	6:48	36	2	7	0:15	Fum
10	3	5:34	20	3	8	1:36	Punt
11	3	2:23	34	7	34	2:34	Downs
12	4	12:48	30	3	7	1:37	Punt
13	4	7:10	*43	3	-13	2:46	Punt

VIRGINIA

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**14:50**	***48**	**5**	**19**	**1:26**	**FG**
2	1	10:16	10	9	41	3:59	Punt
3	**1**	**4:40**	**37**	**9**	**63**	**4:18**	**TD**
4	**2**	**9:38**	**25**	**11**	**75**	**4:15**	**TD**
5	**2**	**4:55**	***36**	**4**	**36**	**1:30**	**TD**
6	2	1:45	29	3	0	0:26	Punt
7	2	0:41	25	3	5	0:41	Half
8	**3**	**12:41**	**20**	**8**	**55**	**2:08**	**FG**
9	**3**	**6:05**	**35**	**6**	**65**	**2:11**	**TD**
10	4	14:52	20	4	13	1:21	Punt
11	**4**	**8:34**	**26**	**7**	**74**	**3:07**	**TD**
12	4	1:11	*41	3	5	1:11	Game

MIAMI (FLA.)

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**15:00**	**25**	**10**	**75**	**5:10**	**TD**
2	**1**	**7:21**	**11**	**16**	**89**	**7:27**	**TD**
3	2	13:28	39	3	-6	1:36	Punt
4	2	11:02	30	10	51	4:02	MFG
5	**2**	**3:53**	**30**	**6**	**70**	**2:39**	**TD**
6	2	0:49	23	7	33	0:49	MFG
7	3	13:20	28	3	12	0:46	Fum
8	3	11:25	20	5	22	1:52	Punt
9	**3**	**8:08**	**28**	**1**	**72**	**0:12**	**TD**
10	3	6:56	*19	4	4	1:36	MFG
11	**3**	**5:03**	**40**	**6**	**60**	**2:32**	**TD**
12	3	0:21	23	5	0	2:32	Punt
13	**4**	**8:31**	**35**	**7**	**65**	**3:59**	**TD**
14	4	3:11	*26	8	23	3:11	Game

GEORGIA TECH

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	13:57	33	6	45	2:26	Fum
2	**1**	**9:34**	***41**	**5**	**41**	**1:39**	**TD**
3	**1**	**6:25**	**17**	**1**	**83**	**0:11**	**TD**
4	**1**	**6:07**	***16**	**4**	**3**	**2:04**	**FG**
5	1	2:53	19	4	11	1:08	Int
6	**1**	**0:21**	**38**	**6**	**62**	**2:38**	**TD**
7	**2**	**11:32**	**20**	**9**	**80**	**4:27**	**TD**
8	**2**	**6:13**	**32**	**7**	**68**	**2:59**	**TD**
9	**2**	**2:37**	***7**	**2**	**7**	**0:27**	**TD**
10	**2**	**0:47**	**32**	**3**	**68**	**0:31**	**TD**
11	3	14:55	8	6	14	2:00	Punt
12	3	9:52	45	3	-7	1:14	Punt
13	**3**	**8:30**	***5**	**2**	**5**	**0:09**	**TD**
14	3	6:20	26	3	3	0:53	Punt
15	**3**	**3:04**	**17**	**16**	**83**	**6:26**	**TD**
16	**4**	**10:09**	**9**	**5**	**91**	**2:28**	**TD**
17	4	5:40	31	7	24	4:01	Punt

SYRACUSE

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**14:51**	***47**	**5**	**47**	**1:14**	**TD**
2	1	11:47	36	3	0	1:06	Punt
3	**1**	**10:26**	***13**	**4**	**6**	**1:40**	**FG**
4	**1**	**5:54**	***43**	**4**	**43**	**1:29**	**TD**
5	1	1:59	23	5	13	1:25	Punt
6	2	14:15	25	12	55	5:07	MFG
7	**2**	**7:31**	**13**	**12**	**87**	**4:37**	**TD**
8	2	1:30	12	1	0	0:12	Int
9	**2**	**1:18**	**25**	**11**	**56**	**1:18**	**FG**
10	3	13:20	28	5	17	2:50	Punt
11	3	8:36	24	3	-2	1:03	Punt
12	3	5:44	3	7	22	3:21	Punt
13	**4**	**14:48**	**33**	**4**	**67**	**1:10**	**TD**
14	**4**	**11:26**	***3**	**3**	**3**	**0:41**	**TD**
15	4	8:14	5	8	36	3:44	Punt

BOSTON COLLEGE

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**13:08**	**35**	**6**	**65**	**2:14**	**TD**
2	1	8:35	22	8	14	4:20	Punt
3	1	3:12	30	12	67	5:58	Fum
4	**2**	**12:08**	**21**	**8**	**63**	**3:24**	**FG**
5	**2**	**1:02**	**25**	**10**	**42**	**0:55**	**FG**
6	**3**	**14:52**	**44**	**7**	**56**	**3:14**	**TD**
7	**3**	**9:15**	**36**	**7**	**64**	**2:59**	**TD**
8	**3**	**0:45**	**9**	**10**	**91**	**4:11**	**TD**
9	4	11:06	29	3	2	1:00	Punt
10	4	2:21	46	3	9	0:57	Punt
11	4	1:18	*27	2	-3	1:18	Game

NOTRE DAME

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	14:22	6	4	18	2:03	Punt
2	**1**	**5:55**	**25**	**4**	**75**	**1:44**	**TD**
3	**2**	**13:04**	**12**	**11**	**80**	**4:32**	**FG**
4	2	5:58	31	1	-8	0:05	Fum
5	2	5:47	15	3	13	0:41	Fum
6	**2**	**2:41**	**25**	**6**	**47**	**1:32**	**FG**
7	**3**	**15:00**	**35**	**9**	**36**	**2:45**	**FG**
8	**3**	**10:41**	**40**	**13**	**60**	**6:29**	**TD**
9	3	1:00	20	3	7	1:11	Punt
10	**4**	**11:31**	**29**	**5**	**58**	**1:49**	**FG**
11	**4**	**9:14**	**26**	**12**	**74**	**5:41**	**TD**
12	4	2:10	47	3	1	0:22	Punt
13	4	0:16	27	1	-1	0:16	Half
14 OT(1)	**-----**	***25**	**2**	**25**	**-----**	**TD**
15 OT(2)	-----	*25	4	-1	-----	Fum

PITTSBURGH

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	13:50	38	3	7	0:46	Punt
2	**1**	**12:32**	***16**	**3**	**16**	**0:56**	**TD**
3	**1**	**10:56**	**19**	**6**	**52**	**1:30**	**FG**
4	**1**	**9:17**	**35**	**4**	**65**	**1:42**	**TD**
5	**1**	**7:09**	***35**	**5**	**35**	**2:14**	**TD**
6	**1**	**3:03**	**18**	**7**	**82**	**2:58**	**TD**
7	2	13:32	21	3	-9	1:28	Punt
8	**2**	**9:11**	**25**	**4**	**75**	**1:12**	**TD**
9	2	6:58	16	6	21	2:26	Punt
10	2	1:13	25	2	-1	0:49	Punt
11	3	14:55	20	1	-1	0:08	Fum
12	3	14:24	25	11	51	5:21	MFG
13	3	8:28	30	3	5	1:17	Punt
14	**3**	**4:36**	**11**	**10**	**89**	**3:44**	**TD**
15	**4**	**14:55**	***41**	**10**	**41**	**4:07**	**TD**
16	4	9:23	13	3	7	1:06	Punt
17	4	7:07	27	6	15	2:25	Punt
18	4	3:12	41	3	2	1:38	Punt
19	4	0:40	*1	2	-2	0:40	Game

VIRGINIA TECH

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**11:15**	**28**	**7**	**61**	**2:48**	**FG**
2	**1**	**3:45**	**25**	**10**	**75**	**3:33**	**TD**
3	2	7:58	20	3	4	1:00	Punt
4	**2**	**3:52**	**25**	**7**	**75**	**2:46**	**TD**
5	3	15:00	25	3	3	1:56	Punt
6	3	10:48	*48	11	40	5:18	Int
7	**3**	**5:18**	***12**	**2**	**12**	**0:33**	**TD**
8	3	3:10	30	3	-5	0:49	Punt
9	**4**	**11:06**	***49**	**2**	**49**	**0:50**	**TD**
10	4	8:01	9	4	44	2:19	Punt
11	**4**	**4:09**	**50**	**1**	**50**	**0:08**	**TD**

NOTRE DAME

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	8:10	20	7	46	2:50	Int
2	**1**	**1:42**	**20**	**3**	**80**	**1:01**	**TD**
3	**2**	**12:08**	**28**	**6**	**72**	**2:44**	**TD**
4	**2**	**7:05**	**27**	**8**	**63**	**2:37**	**FG**
5	**2**	**2:10**	**12**	**10**	**88**	**1:49**	**TD**
6	3	14:53	40	3	5	1:21	Punt
7	3	11:43	45	4	7	2:24	Punt
8	**3**	**6:18**	**17**	**8**	**83**	**2:35**	**TD**
9	**3**	**1:53**	**14**	**12**	**66**	**6:22**	**FG**
10	4	8:07	25	6	29	3:49	Punt
11	4	0:21	19	1	2	0:21	Game

CLEMSON LONG PLAYS

Yds	Player(s)	Type	Opp
83	* Lawrence to Rodgers	Pass	GAT
72	*** Etienne**	**Rush**	**MIA**
70	**Lawrence to Powell**	**Pass**	**PIT**
67	* Lawrence to Rodgers	Pass	(2)UND
65	* Lawrence to Powell	Pass	VAT
54	*** Lawrence to Ladson**	**Pass**	**CIT**
53	* Uiagalelei to Powell	Pass	(1)UND
51	Uiagalelei to Powell	Pass	(1)UND
50	* Rencher	Rush	VAT
49	Lawrence to Galloway	Pass	VAT
46	**Lawrence to Etienne**	**Pass**	**UVA**
44	*** Lawrence to Rodgers**	**Pass**	**CIT**
44	* Etienne	Rush	(2)UND
43	*** Lawrence to Powell**	**Pass**	**PIT**
42	Lawrence to D. Allen	Pass	WFU
42	**Uiagalelei to Etienne**	**Pass**	**BOC**
38	**Uiagalelei to E. Williams**	**Pass**	**CIT**
38	Mellusi	Rush	VAT
36	Lawrence to Rodgers	Pass	WFU
35	Lawrence to Rodgers	Pass	GAT
35	* Helms to Ajou	Pass	GAT
35	*** Uiagalelei to Etienne**	**Pass**	**BOC**
35	Uiagalelei to Rodgers	Pass	(1)UND
35	**Lawrence to Galloway**	**Pass**	**PIT**
34	* Lawrence to D. Allen	Pass	GAT
34	* Lawrence	Rush	(2)UND
33	**Uiagalelei to Etienne**	**Pass**	**BOC**
33	* Lawrence to E. Williams	Pass	(2)UND
32	**Lawrence to E. Williams**	**Pass**	**PIT**
31	**Lawrence to Ladson**	**Pass**	**MIA**
31	Lawrence to D. Allen	Pass	GAT
30	*** Uiagalelei**	**Rush**	**BOC**
29	Etienne	Rush	WFU
29	**Lawrence to Ladson**	**Pass**	**UVA**
29	Dukes	Rush	GAT
28	**Etienne**	**Rush**	**CIT**
27	*** Lawrence to Rodgers**	**Pass**	**UVA**
27	**Lawrence to Etienne**	**Pass**	**UVA**
27	Uiagalelei to Rodgers	Pass	(1)UND
27	Uiagalelei to Galloway	Pass	(1)UND
26	Lawrence to Etienne	Pass	WFU
26	**Lawrence to Br. Spector**	**Pass**	**PIT**
26	Lawrence to Powell	Pass	(2)UND
25	Lawrence to Galloway	Pass	WFU
25	**Lawrence to Rodgers**	**Pass**	**UVA**
25	*** Lawrence to Powell**	**Pass**	**SYR**
25	*** Etienne**	**Rush**	**SYR**
25	**Lawrence to Powell**	**Pass**	**PIT**
24	*** Lawrence to Galloway**	**Pass**	**MIA**
24	Lawrence to Powell	Pass	GAT
24	Uiagalelei to Powell	Pass	(1)UND
24	Lawrence to Rodgers	Pass	(2)UND
23	**Lawrence to Rodgers**	**Pass**	**SYR**
23	Lawrence to Mellusi	Pass	(2)UND
22	**Etienne**	**Rush**	**CIT**
22	**Lawrence**	**Rush**	**UVA**
22	**Lawrence to Etienne**	**Pass**	**MIA**
22	**Lawrence to Etienne**	**Pass**	**MIA**
22	*** Lawrence to D. Allen**	**Pass**	**MIA**
22	Lawrence to Etienne	Pass	GAT
22	Uiagalelei to Etienne	Pass	(1)UND
22	Lawrence to E. Williams	Pass	(2)UND
21	Lawrence to Ladson	Pass	WFU
21	Lawrence to Rodgers	Pass	WFU
21	**Lawrence to Etienne**	**Pass**	**UVA**
21	**Lawrence to Ladson**	**Pass**	**UVA**
21	**Lawrence to Galloway**	**Pass**	**MIA**
21	**Etienne**	**Rush**	**MIA**
21	Dixon	Rush	GAT
21	**Lawrence to E. Williams**	**Pass**	**SYR**
21	Lawrence to Powell	Pass	(2)UND
20	Lawrence to Br. Spector	Pass	GAT
20	**Lawrence to Ladson**	**Pass**	**SYR**
20	**Lawrence to Powell**	**Pass**	**SYR**
20	**Uiagalelei to Rodgers**	**Pass**	**BOC**

* - touchdown; Note: Offensive plays only; **bold** denotes a Clemson home game;

2020 OPPONENT DRIVE CHARTS

WAKE FOREST

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	13:50	43	6	17	2:19	Punt
2	1	8:02	25	5	21	2:10	Punt
3	1	2:31	25	7	49	2:23	MFG
4	2	10:54	25	3	9	1:37	Punt
5	2	7:15	20	6	12	1:53	Punt
6	2	1:21	25	3	5	0:32	Punt
7	**3**	**15:00**	**25**	**7**	**54**	**1:39**	**FG**
8	3	10:38	25	9	52	3:20	Downs
9	3	3:09	30	4	7	1:28	Punt
10	4	13:43	18	9	69	2:39	MFG
11	**4**	**9:08**	**43**	**6**	**33**	**1:48**	**FG**
12	**4**	**5:03**	***30**	**9**	**30**	**2:29**	**TD**
13	4	0:54	34	2	6	0:54	Game

THE CITADEL

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	12:36	25	3	8	2:26	Punt
2	1	9:41	25	5	-9	3:56	Punt
3	1	2:00	25	1	-8	0:09	Fum
4	1	1:46	16	3	-4	2:33	Punt
5	2	13:00	25	3	-1	2:01	Punt
6	2	9:55	25	3	-12	1:24	Punt
7	2	5:31	25	7	37	4:59	Punt
8	3	15:00	25	5	19	2:31	Punt
9	3	8:16	33	3	4	1:28	Punt
10	3	6:33	*43	3	-1	0:59	Punt
11	3	3:58	19	3	1	1:35	Punt
12	4	14:49	32	5	38	2:01	MFG
13	4	11:11	22	7	21	4:01	Downs
14	4	4:24	12	9	39	4:24	Game

VIRGINIA

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	13:24	25	11	33	3:08	Punt
2	1	6:17	13	3	7	1:37	Punt
3	**1**	**0:22**	**25**	**13**	**66**	**5:44**	**FG**
4	2	5:23	25	2	0	0:28	Int
5	2	3:18	19	3	5	1:33	Punt
6	**2**	**1:19**	**35**	**4**	**65**	**0:38**	**TD**
7	3	15:00	25	7	56	2:19	Int
8	**3**	**10:33**	**25**	**9**	**75**	**4:28**	**TD**
9	3	3:54	25	10	20	4:02	Punt
10	4	13:31	24	10	50	4:57	Downs
11	**4**	**5:27**	**25**	**10**	**75**	**4:16**	**TD**

MIAMI (FLA.)

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	9:50	25	6	20	2:29	Punt
2	2	14:54	25	3	-9	1:26	Punt
3	2	11:52	15	3	5	0:50	Punt
4	**2**	**7:00**	**20**	**7**	**55**	**3:07**	**FG**
5	2	1:14	25	3	3	0:25	Punt
6	3	15:00	25	3	4	1:40	Punt
7	3	12:34	*40	4	14	1:09	Int
8	3	9:33	20	3	5	1:25	Punt
9	3	7:56	25	4	9	1:00	Downs
10	3	5:20	20	2	15	0:17	Int
11	3	2:26	25	5	6	2:05	Punt
12	**4**	**12:49**	**29**	**9**	**71**	**4:18**	**TD**
13	4	4:32	25	3	2	1:21	Int

GEORGIA TECH

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	15:00	25	3	5	1:03	Punt
2	1	11:31	22	3	-9	1:57	Punt
3	**1**	**7:55**	**25**	**4**	**75**	**1:23**	**TD**
4	1	6:14	25	1	-9	0:07	Fum
5	1	4:03	25	3	2	1:10	Punt
6	1	1:45	*46	4	8	1:24	Downs
7	2	12:38	18	3	6	1:06	Punt
8	2	7:05	25	3	-8	0:52	Punt
9	2	3:14	25	2	6	0:37	Int
10	2	2:10	25	7	43	1:23	Downs
11	2	0:16	25	1	0	0:16	Half
12	3	12:55	22	7	33	3:03	Downs
13	3	8:38	13	1	-7	0:08	Fum
14	3	8:21	25	3	7	2:01	Punt
15	3	5:27	28	4	7	2:23	Punt
16	4	11:38	35	3	5	1:29	Punt
17	4	7:31	17	3	-2	1:51	Punt
18	4	1:39	8	3	47	1:39	Game

SYRACUSE

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	13:37	25	3	2	1:50	Punt
2	1	10:41	20	2	0	0:15	Int
3	1	8:46	25	6	18	2:52	Downs
4	1	4:25	25	5	15	2:26	Punt
5	**1**	**0:34**	***20**	**4**	**20**	**1:19**	**TD**
6	2	9:08	20	4	27	1:37	Punt
7	2	2:54	25	6	30	1:24	Punt
8	3	15:00	25	3	9	1:40	Punt
9	**3**	**10:30**	**4**	**4**	**96**	**1:49**	**TD**
10	3	7:33	32	3	9	1:49	Punt
11	3	2:23	31	2	-10	0:57	Fum
12	3	1:26	25	3	2	1:38	Punt
13	4	13:38	25	3	10	2:12	Int
14	4	10:38	25	4	66	2:24	Int
15	4	4:30	8	6	16	4:30	Game

BOSTON COLLEGE

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**14:55**	**26**	**4**	**74**	**1:47**	**TD**
2	**1**	**10:54**	**25**	**6**	**75**	**2:13**	**TD**
3	1	4:15	29	3	5	1:03	Punt
4	**2**	**8:44**	**25**	**15**	**75**	**7:42**	**TD**
5	2	0:07	25	1	-1	0:07	Half
6	3	11:38	25	5	0	2:23	Punt
7	3	6:16	25	8	14	5:31	Punt
8	4	11:34	25	3	0	0:28	Punt
9	4	10:06	9	13	46	7:45	Downs
10	4	1:24	4	1	-4	0:06	Safety

NOTRE DAME

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**15:00**	**25**	**1**	**75**	**0:33**	**TD**
2	**1**	**12:19**	**44**	**10**	**49**	**6:24**	**FG**
3	**1**	**4:11**	**25**	**13**	**66**	**6:02**	**FG**
4	2	8:32	25	5	6	2:34	Punt
5	**2**	**5:06**	***25**	**4**	**-2**	**2:25**	**FG**
6	2	1:09	25	7	36	1:09	MFG
7	3	12:15	25	3	4	1:34	Punt
8	3	4:12	25	7	75	3:12	Fum
9	**4**	**14:49**	**43**	**7**	**31**	**3:12**	**FG**
10	4	9:42	25	3	-5	0:28	Punt
11	4	3:33	25	6	28	1:23	Downs
12	**4**	**1:48**	**9**	**8**	**91**	**1:26**	**TD**
13 OT(1)	**-----**	***25**	**4**	**25**	**-----**	**TD**
14 OT(2)	**-----**	***25**	**6**	**25**	**-----**	**TD**

PITTSBURGH

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	15:00	25	3	-8	1:10	Punt
2	1	13:04	14	3	6	0:32	Int
3	1	11:36	25	3	3	0:40	Punt
4	1	9:26	25	1	0	0:09	Int
5	1	7:35	25	3	11	0:26	Int
6	1	4:55	25	3	5	1:52	Punt
7	1	0:05	25	5	15	1:33	Punt
8	**2**	**12:04**	***42**	**7**	**37**	**2:53**	**FG**
9	2	7:59	25	3	7	1:01	Punt
10	**2**	**4:32**	**25**	**11**	**75**	**3:19**	**TD**
11	2	0:24	50	2	20	0:24	Half
12	**3**	**14:47**	***19**	**2**	**19**	**0:23**	**TD**
13	3	9:03	24	3	3	0:35	Punt
14	3	7:11	25	4	25	2:35	Punt
15	3	0:52	25	3	9	0:57	Int
16	4	10:38	41	3	4	1:15	Punt
17	4	8:17	31	3	-6	1:10	Punt
18	4	4:42	8	3	3	1:30	Punt
19	4	1:34	49	3	9	0:54	Fum

VIRGINIA TECH

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	1	15:00	25	5	10	3:45	Punt
2	**1**	**8:27**	**25**	**7**	**75**	**4:42**	**TD**
3	1	0:12	25	11	34	7:14	Punt
4	**2**	**6:58**	**50**	**6**	**13**	**3:06**	**FG**
5	2	0:55	32	3	67	0:55	Half
6	3	13:04	40	3	5	2:16	Punt
7	3	5:30	20	1	-8	0:12	Fum
8	3	4:45	25	3	-6	1:35	Punt
9	3	2:21	*32	2	-2	0:53	Fum
10	3	1:28	25	9	24	5:22	Downs
11	4	10:16	25	6	66	2:15	Fum
12	4	5:42	14	3	1	1:33	Punt
13	4	4:01	25	6	34	4:01	Game

NOTRE DAME

#	Qtr	Clock	Spot	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
1	**1**	**14:55**	**21**	**11**	**46**	**6:39**	**FG**
2	1	5:20	38	7	56	3:38	MFG
3	1	0:36	17	6	55	3:28	Downs
4	2	9:24	25	3	-3	2:19	Punt
5	2	4:28	25	4	16	2:18	Punt
6	2	0:21	25	1	-1	0:21	Half
7	3	13:32	18	3	-11	1:49	Punt
8	3	9:19	12	5	12	3:01	Punt
9	3	3:43	25	4	25	1:50	Punt
10	**4**	**10:31**	**25**	**7**	**75**	**2:22**	**TD**
11	4	4:18	7	9	28	3:57	Punt

OPPONENT LONG PLAYS

Yds	Player(s)	Type	Team
83	*** Culpepper to N. Johnson**	**Pass**	**SYR**
65	* Williams	Rush	(1)UND
61	**N. Johnson**	**Rush**	**SYR**
59	* J. Sims to Jal. Camp	Pass	GAT
56	**King**	**Rush**	**MIA**
55	Hartman to Roberson	Pass	WFU
53	Book to Davis	Pass	(1)UND
48	**Jurkovec to Gill**	**Pass**	**BOC**
48	Burmeister to T. Robinson	Pass	VAT
47	Kadum to Holston	Pass	VAT
45	Book to McKinley	Pass	(1)UND
42	**King to Key. Smith**	**Pass**	**MIA**
42	Burmeister to Blackshear	Pass	VAT
41	Massey	Rush	GAT
39	Hartman to Greene	Pass	WFU
38	**Webb to McCarthy**	**Pass**	**CIT**
37	Kern to Roberson	Pass	WFU
35	**Jurkovec to Flowers**	**Pass**	**BOC**
31	**Armstrong to Davis**	**Pass**	**UVA**
30	Book to Tremble	Pass	(2)UND
29	Book to Mayer	Pass	(1)UND
29	**Pickett to Turner**	**Pass**	**PIT**
28	Hartman to Greene	Pass	WFU
28	**Armstrong**	**Rush**	**UVA**
28	Book to McKinley	Pass	(1)UND
27	Griffis to Morin	Pass	WFU
27	**Armstrong to Davis**	**Pass**	**UVA**
26	Book to Skowronek	Pass	(2)UND
24	**King to Wiggins**	**Pass**	**MIA**
24	Williams	Rush	(2)UND
23	*** Armstrong to Jana**	**Pass**	**UVA**
23	Do. Smith	Rush	GAT
22	**Rainey to Webb**	**Pass**	**CIT**
22	**Armstrong to Kemp**	**Pass**	**UVA**
22	**Pickett to A. Davis**	**Pass**	**PIT**
21	**Tucker**	**Rush**	**SYR**
21	Herbert	Rush	VAT
21	* Tyree	Rush	(2)UND

* - touchdown; Note: Offensive plays only; **bold** denotes a Clemson home game.

PARTICIPATION

#	Player	WFU	CIT	UVA	MIA	GAT	SYR	BOC	UND	PIT	VAT	UND	OSU	Total	2020 G-S	Career G-S
11	Ajou Ajou, WR	13	30	3	9	28	3	ST	---	19	5	3		113	10-0	10-0
84	Davis Allen, TE	31	10	35	21	24	30	43	40	29	31	24		318	11-0	26-1
45	Sergio Allen, LB	ST	12	---	---	6	ST	---	---	ST	---	---		18	5-0	5-0
29	Michael Becker, S	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	---		0	2-0	6-0
42	LaVonta Bentley, LB	16	18	ST	ST	7	6	1	ST	5	20	ST		73	11-0	15-0
43	Will Blackston, TE	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	---		0	1-0	1-0
50	Kaleb Boateng, OL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	---	---		5	1-0	5-0
65	Matt Bockhorst, OG	*65	*33	*68	*90	*51	*82	*81	*32	*65	*55	*63		685	11-11	39-12
23	Andrew Booth Jr., CB	*27	*25	36	24	22	*38	36	29	*43	---	7		287	10-4	23-4
1	Demarkcus Bowman, RB	6	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		11	2-0	2-0
11	Bryan Bresee, DL	35	*22	*55	22	*22	*35	*57	*56	*32	*30	*31		397	11-9	11-9
34	Jack Brissey, DE	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---		3	2-0	2-0
52	Tyler Brown, LS	ST	ST	---	---	ST	---	---	---	ST	---	---		0	4-0	8-0
82	Will Brown, WR	14	11	---	5	23	6	---	---	16	ST	3		78	8-0	16-0
19	DeMonte Capehart, DL	---	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	2	2		20	4-0	4-0
79	Jackson Carman, OT	*57	*33	*68	*88	*45	*76	*81	*79	*78	*55	*63		723	11-11	39-26
36	Quinn Castner, PK	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		0	1-0	1-0
25	J.C. Chalk, TE	12	22	5	21	20	11	---	---	18	6	8		123	9-0	48-14
18	Joseph Charleston, S	29	14	43	---	28	*46	*54	67	*56	*43	*52		432	10-5	23-5
48	David Cote, LB	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	---		4	2-0	5-0
47	Peter Cote, S	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	ST		0	3-0	9-0
60	Mac Cranford, OL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---		2	1-0	4-0
2	Fred Davis II, CB	39	34	11	3	16	23	---	2	31	9	15		183	10-0	10-0
13	Tyler Davis, DT	*18	---	---	*20	*21	---	---	---	*33	*36	*27		155	6-6	21-19
23	Lyn-J Dixon, RB	---	7	18	12	20	25	7	ST	21	10	---		120	9-0	37-0
27	Carson Donnelly, S	ST	ST	ST	ST	3	ST	ST	ST	3	ST	ST		6	11-0	20-0
19	Michel Dukes, RB	---	4	---	5	7	---	---	ST	3	ST	ST		19	7-0	17-0
83	Hampton Earle, WR	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---		7	2-0	6-0
91	Nick Eddis, DT	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---		4	2-0	2-0
69	Jacob Edwards, OL	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	3	---	---		5	2-0	8-0
95	James Edwards, DT	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---		9	2-0	13-0
67	Will Edwards, OT	---	4	---	1	---	---	---	---	9	---	---		14	3-0	5-0
87	Sage Ennis, TE	8	7	---	4	---	---	---	---	8	---	---		27	4-0	4-0
9	Travis Etienne, RB	*44	*16	*39	*57	*31	*40	*67	*72	*40	*37	*45		488	11-11	54-41
35	Justin Foster, DE	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	0-0	39-13
88	Braden Galloway, TE	*36	*21	*42	*48	*16	*60	*51	*49	*33	*25	*37		418	11-11	25-11
31	Mario Goodrich, CB	---	---	28	29	4	---	17	---	*40	*55	*39		212	7-3	34-3
24	Hamp Greene, WR	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	6	---	---		9	2-0	6-0
21	Malcolm Greene, CB	19	26	ST	ST	6	7	ST	ST	*35	*18	44		155	11-2	11-2
18	Hunter Helms, QB	---	4	---	---	13	---	---	---	5	---	---		22	3-0	3-0
5	K.J. Henry, DE	*37	*21	*51	*31	23	28	26	*57	23	17	32		346	11-5	30-5
37	Jake Herbstreit, S	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	0-0	4-0
86	Tye Herbstreit, WR	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		1	1-0	5-0
75	Trent Howard, OL	3	4	---	---	11	---	---	---	3	---	---		21	4-0	4-0
45	Josh Jackson, WR	---	2	---	2	---	---	---	---	7	---	ST		11	4-0	15-0
90	Darnell Jefferies, DT	13	24	4	---	---	4	---	---	1	1	2		49	7-0	23-0
52	Tayquon Johnson, OG	15	24	3	8	30	---	ST	ST	6	ST	ST		86	10-0	13-0
6	Mike Jones Jr., LB	*38	*18	*66	*55	*29	*48	---	---	30	32	*15		331	9-7	27-7
26	Sheridan Jones, CB	*33	*18	*41	*35	*32	*36	*31	*49	---	5	8		288	10-8	24-8
1	Derion Kendrick, CB	---	22	*43	*23	*23	---	*41	*78	---	*50	*39		319	8-7	38-22
2	Frank Ladson Jr., WR	34	11	*52	*70	*29	*51	ST	6	---	---	5		258	9-4	24-4
16	Trevor Lawrence, QB	*64	*20	*67	*85	*52	*77	---	---	*72	*55	*63		555	9-9	39-35
85	Jaelyn Lay, TE	15	11	3	6	24	1	ST	ST	11	2	3		76	11-0	15-0
33	Ty Lucas, RB	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	---		0	2-0	8-0
46	Jack Maddox, LS	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		0	11-0	22-0
30	Keith Maguire, LB	24	19	12	---	6	5	1	2	7	19	5		100	10-0	14-0
49	Matthew Maloney, LB	---	11	---	---	---	ST	---	---	ST	---	---		11	3-0	3-0
7	Justin Mascoll, DE	*34	*21	*49	27	*23	*32	*41	*34	23	*29	*25		338	11-9	27-9
89	Max May, WR	4	7	---	1	8	ST	---	---	4	ST	1		25	8-0	18-0
32	Sylvester Mayers, RB	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	1		1	3-0	6-0
77	Mitchell Mayes, OL	15	24	3	9	---	---	---	---	8	1	1		61	7-0	7-0
39	Bubba McAtee, S	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	ST	---	---		0	2-0	2-0
26	Jack McCall, CB	---	ST	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		0	1-0	4-0
71	Jordan McFadden, OT	*65	*33	*68	*90	*46	*86	*81	*65	*64	*47	*54		699	11-11	28-11
63	Zac McIntosh, OL	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---		5	2-0	4-0
46	Matt McMahan, LB	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		4	1-0	3-0
27	Chez Mellusi, RB	---	13	8	6	10	8	---	6	13	4	14		82	9-0	20-0
9	R.J. Mickens, S	2	8	---	ST	5	ST	ST	6	10	1	4		36	10-0	10-0
98	Myles Murphy, DE	29	15	39	*42	*22	*29	*46	60	32	*24	*30		368	11-6	11-6
10	Joseph Ngata, WR	*29	*12	16	---	5	31	5	*24	---	---	---		122	7-3	22-3
33	Ruke Orhorhoro, DT	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	9		30	3-0	13-0
14	Kobe Pace, RB	15	8	---	3	9	9	---	---	6	ST	ST		50	8-0	8-0
64	Walker Parks, OL	26	24	3	8	48	9	---	14	35	8	14		189	10-0	10-0
17	Kane Patterson, LB	13	17	1	3	11	8	1	ST	18	31	5		108	11-0	24-0
25	Jalyn Phillips, S	11	26	ST	*45	13	12	ST	6	---	24	9		146	10-1	24-1
7	Taisun Phommachanh, QB	8	11	---	8	16	---	---	---	---	---	---		43	4-0	7-0
44	Nyles Pinckney, DT	28	13	48	7	23	19	*21	*26	7	20	21		233	11-2	54-15
29	B.T. Potter, PK	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST	*ST		0	11-11	41-26
17	Cornell Powell, WR	*36	*12	*48	*66	*38	*43	*70	*76	*68	*49	*56		562	11-11	53-11
80	Luke Price, TE	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	0-0	18-1
56	Will Putnam, OL	*65	*33	*68	*89	*41	*78	*81	*79	*76	*47	*63		720	11-11	22-11
92	Klayton Randolph, DE	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---		1	1-0	4-0
55	Hunter Rayburn, OL	---	11	---	6	30	---	---	---	8	1	1		57	6-0	10-0
21	Darien Rencher, RB	16	7	3	6	10	4	ST	ST	9	1	6		62	11-0	36-0

PARTICIPATION (CONT'D)

#	Player	WFU	CIT	UVA	MIA	GAT	SYR	BOC	UND	PIT	VAT	UND	OSU	Total	2020 G-S	Career G-S
32	Etinosa Reuben, DT	---	**19**	**5**	**---**	---	**2**	**---**	4	**5**	2	3		**40**	**7-0**	**10-0**
3	Amari Rodgers, WR	*39	***15**	***56**	***66**	*35	***53**	***74**	*72	***58**	*49	*58		**575**	**11-11**	**54-36**
8	Justyn Ross, WR	---	**---**	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	---	---		**---**	**0-0**	**29-14**
22	Trenton Simpson, LB	18	**13**	**ST**	**3**	22	**10**	**29**	*75	***39**	34	25		**258**	**11-2**	**11-2**
47	James Skalski, LB	15	***13**	***68**	***55**	*17	**---**	**---**	---	***45**	*5	*46		**264**	**8-7**	**55-24**
10	Baylon Spector, LB	*33	***7**	***62**	***43**	*40	***47**	***64**	*81	**23**	*28	*30		**458**	**11-10**	**41-10**
13	Brannon Spector, WR	10	**---**	**12**	**18**	15	**23**	***37**	6	**23**	13	16		**173**	**10-1**	**13-1**
48	Will Spiers, P	*ST	***ST**	***ST**	***ST**	*7	***ST**	***ST**	*ST	***ST**	*ST	*ST		**7**	**11-11**	**55-55**
62	Cade Stewart, OL	*65	***33**	***68**	***90**	*53	***84**	***81**	*79	***81**	*55	*66		**755**	**11-11**	**48-12**
39	Aidan Swanson, P/PK	ST	**---**	**---**	**---**	ST	**---**	**---**	---	**ST**	---	---		**0**	**3-0**	**6-0**
81	Drew Swinney, WR	5	**10**	**---**	**4**	21	**ST**	**---**	---	**---**	---	---		**40**	**5-0**	**17-0**
22	Will Swinney, WR	22	**34**	**3**	**5**	27	**6**	**ST**	ST	**22**	4	4		**127**	**11-0**	**55-0**
14	Kevin Swint, LB	10	**16**	**---**	**---**	9	**ST**	**ST**	ST	**ST**	ST	ST		**35**	**9-0**	**9-0**
57	Paul Tchio, OL	15	**24**	**3**	**3**	24	**---**	**---**	1	**8**	1	1		**80**	**9-0**	**9-0**
3	Xavier Thomas, DE	---	**---**	**---**	**3**	20	**25**	**13**	11	***22**	25	---		**119**	**7-1**	**34-9**
16	Ray Thornton III, S	15	**14**	**11**	**12**	22	**10**	**ST**	7	***29**	17	4		**141**	**11-1**	**15-1**
54	Mason Trotter, OL	---	**---**	**3**	**9**	31	**15**	**---**	46	**23**	8	5		**140**	**8-0**	**12-0**
73	Bryn Tucker, OL	3	**4**	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	**---**	---	**4**	---	---		**11**	**3-0**	**3-0**
38	Elijah Turner, S	10	**16**	**ST**	**12**	6	**ST**	**ST**	ST	**15**	ST	ST		**59**	**11-0**	**23-0**
24	Nolan Turner, S	*35	***13**	***71**	***46**	*27	***48**	***63**	*68	***57**	*56	*49		**533**	**11-11**	**54-15**
5	D.J. Uiagalelei, QB	10	**28**	**3**	**3**	---	**8**	***81**	*79	**19**	1	3		**235**	**10-2**	**10-2**
53	Regan Upshaw, DE	36	**34**	**25**	**15**	17	**---**	**---**	ST	**14**	16	5		**162**	**9-0**	**35-0**
15	Jake Venables, LB	*35	**27**	**22**	**15**	21	***50**	***63**	*78	**---**	8	---		**319**	**9-4**	**26-4**
12	Tyler Venables, S	22	**17**	**11**	**13**	20	**16**	**9**	37	**38**	15	10		**208**	**11-0**	**11-0**
72	Blake Vinson, OL	15	**14**	**---**	**---**	8	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	---	---		**37**	**3-0**	**16-0**
41	Jonathan Weitz, PK	---	**ST**	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	---	---		**0**	**1-0**	**4-0**
6	E.J. Williams, WR	21	**37**	**9**	**22**	25	**23**	**26**	43	***54**	*28	*47		**335**	**11-3**	**11-3**
40	Greg Williams, DE	12	**27**	**---**	**---**	9	**2**	**---**	---	**6**	9	2		**67**	**7-0**	**11-0**
76	John Williams, OL	3	**4**	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	---	---		**7**	**2-0**	**2-0**
59	Jordan Williams, DT	*27	***21**	***46**	**11**	18	**---**	**23**	24	**7**	16	16		**209**	**10-3**	**37-3**
20	LeAnthony Williams, CB	30	**---**	**11**	**3**	12	**ST**	**4**	3	**27**	10	13		**113**	**10-0**	**28-0**
8	Tré Williams, DT	3	**---**	**---**	**---**	11	**---**	**---**	---	**---**	---	---		**14**	**2-0**	**2-0**
36	Lannden Zanders, S	*44	***13**	***45**	***43**	*21	***42**	***63**	*30	**---**	---	37		**338**	**9-8**	**23-8**

* - start; ST - special teams only; Note: Numbers do not necessarily denote official plays, but rather non-special-team snaps; **bold** denotes a Clemson home game.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Position	WFU	CIT	UVA	MIA	GAT	SYR	BOC	UND	PIT	VAT	UND	OSU
LT	Carman	**Carman**	**Carman**	**Carman**	Carman	**Carman**	**Carman**	Carman	**Carman**	Carman	Carman	
LG	Bockhorst	**Bockhorst**	**Bockhorst**	**Bockhorst**	Bockhorst	**Bockhorst**	**Bockhorst**	Bockhorst	**Bockhorst**	Bockhorst	Bockhorst	
C	Stewart	**Stewart**	**Stewart**	**Stewart**	Stewart	**Stewart**	**Stewart**	Stewart	**Stewart**	Stewart	Stewart	
RG	Putnam	**Putnam**	**Putnam**	**Putnam**	Putnam	**Putnam**	**Putnam**	Putnam	**Putnam**	Putnam	Putnam	
RT	McFadden	**McFadden**	**McFadden**	**McFadden**	McFadden	**McFadden**	**McFadden**	McFadden	**McFadden**	McFadden	McFadden	
TE	Galloway	**Galloway**	**Galloway**	**Galloway**	Galloway	**Galloway**	**Galloway**	Galloway	**Galloway**	Galloway	Galloway	
WR	Ngata	**Ngata**	**Ladson**	**Ladson**	Ladson	**Ladson**	**Br. Spector**	Ngata	**E. Williams**	E. Williams	E. Williams	
QB	Lawrence	**Lawrence**	**Lawrence**	**Lawrence**	Lawrence	**Lawrence**	**Uiagalelei**	Uiagalelei	**Lawrence**	Lawrence	Lawrence	
RB	Etienne	**Etienne**	**Etienne**	**Etienne**	Etienne	**Etienne**	**Etienne**	Etienne	**Etienne**	Etienne	Etienne	
WR	Rodgers	**Rodgers**	**Rodgers**	**Rodgers**	Rodgers	**Rodgers**	**Rodgers**	Rodgers	**Rodgers**	Rodgers	Rodgers	
WR	Powell	**Powell**	**Powell**	**Powell**	Powell	**Powell**	**Powell**	Powell	**Powell**	Powell	Powell	
DE	Mascoll	**Mascoll**	**Mascoll**	**Murphy**	Mascoll	**Mascoll**	**Mascoll**	Mascoll	**Thomas**	Mascoll	Mascoll	
DT/FS	T. Davis	**Bresee**	**Bresee**	**T. Davis**	T. Davis	**Charleston**	**Pinckney**	Pinckney	**T. Davis**	T. Davis	T. Davis	
DT/SS	Jor. Williams	**Jor. Williams**	**Jor. Williams**	**Phillips**	Bresee	**Bresee**	**Bresee**	Bresee	**Bresee**	Bresee	Bresee	
DE/SS	Henry	**Henry**	**Henry**	**Henry**	Murphy	**Murphy**	**Murphy**	Henry	**Thornton**	Murphy	Murphy	
SLB/NB/FS	M. Jones	**M. Jones**	**M. Jones**	**M. Jones**	M. Jones	**M. Jones**	**Charleston**	Simpson	**Simpson**	M. Greene	M. Jones	
MLB	J. Venables	**Skalski**	**Skalski**	**Skalski**	Skalski	**J. Venables**	**J. Venables**	J. Venables	**Skalski**	Skalski	Skalski	
WLB/CB	Ba. Spector	**Ba. Spector**	**Ba. Spector**	**Ba. Spector**	Ba. Spector	**Ba. Spector**	**Ba. Spector**	Ba. Spector	**M. Greene**	Ba. Spector	Ba. Spector	
CB	S. Jones	**S. Jones**	**S. Jones**	**S. Jones**	S. Jones	**S. Jones**	**S. Jones**	S. Jones	**Goodrich**	Goodrich	Goodrich	
SS	Zanders	**Zanders**	**Zanders**	**Zanders**	Zanders	**Zanders**	**Zanders**	Zanders	**Charleston**	Charleston	Charleston	
FS	N. Turner	**N. Turner**	**N. Turner**	**N. Turner**	N. Turner	**N. Turner**	**N. Turner**	N. Turner	**N. Turner**	N. Turner	N. Turner	
CB	Booth	**Booth**	**Kendrick**	**Kendrick**	Kendrick	**Booth**	**Kendrick**	Kendrick	**Booth**	Kendrick	Kendrick	
PK	Potter	**Potter**	**Potter**	**Potter**	Potter	**Potter**	**Potter**	Potter	**Potter**	Potter	Potter	
P	Spiers	**Spiers**	**Spiers**	**Spiers**	Spiers	**Spiers**	**Spiers**	Spiers	**Spiers**	Spiers	Spiers	

Note: **Bold** denotes a Clemson home game.

THE LAST TIME

400 TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had 90 rushing yards and 322 passing yards (412 total yards) vs. Notre Dame at Charlotte, N.C. on Dec. 19, 2020 (Clemson 34-10).
Opponent - Joe Burrow of LSU had 58 rushing yards and 463 passing yards (521 total yards) at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

500 TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS

Clemson - Deshaun Watson had 8 rushing yards and 580 passing yards (588 total yards) vs. Pittsburgh at Clemson on Nov. 12, 2016 (Pittsburgh 43-42).
Opponent - Joe Burrow of LSU had 58 rushing yards and 463 passing yards (521 total yards) at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

30 CARRIES

Clemson - Wayne Gallman had 30 carries vs. Auburn at Auburn, Ala., on Sept. 3, 2016 (Clemson 19-13).
Opponent - Lamar Jackson of Louisville had 31 carries at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 1, 2016 (Clemson 42-36).

100 RUSHING YARDS BY QUARTERBACK

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had 107 rushing yards vs. Ohio State at Glendale, Ariz. on Dec. 28, 2019 (Clemson 29-23).
Opponent - Lamar Jackson had 162 rushing yards at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 1, 2016 (Clemson 42-36).

100 RUSHING YARDS BY TWO PLAYERS

Clemson - **Travis Etienne** had 153 rushing yards, **Lyn-J Dixon** had 116 rushing yards and Tavien Feaster had 101 rushing yards vs. Louisville at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 3, 2018 (Clemson 77-16).
Opponent - Orwin Smith of Georgia Tech had 117 rushing yards and Tevin Washington had 104 rushing yards at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 6, 2012 (Clemson 47-31).

100 RUSHING YARDS BY THREE PLAYERS

Clemson - **Travis Etienne** had 153 rushing yards, **Lyn-J Dixon** had 116 rushing yards and Tavien Feaster had 101 rushing yards vs. Louisville at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 3, 2018 (Clemson 77-16).
Opponent - Never accomplished.

100 RUSHING YARDS & 100 PASSING YARDS

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had 107 rushing yards and 259 passing yards vs. Ohio State at Glendale, Ariz. on Dec. 28, 2019 (Clemson 29-23).
Opponent - Lamar Jackson of Louisville had 162 rushing yards and 295 passing yards at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 1, 2016 (Clemson 42-36).

200 RUSHING YARDS

Clemson - **Travis Etienne** had 212 rushing yards vs. Wofford at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 2, 2019 (Clemson 59-14).
Opponent - Branden Ore of Virginia Tech had 203 rushing yards at Blacksburg, Va. on Oct. 26, 2006 (Virginia Tech 24-7).

25 COMPLETIONS

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had 25 completions vs. Notre Dame at Charlotte, N.C. on Dec. 19, 2020 (Clemson 34-10).
Opponent - Joe Burrow of LSU had 31 completions at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

400 PASSING YARDS

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had 403 passing yards vs. Pittsburgh at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 28, 2020 (Clemson 52-17).
Opponent - Joe Burrow of LSU had 463 passing yards at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

10 RECEPTIONS

Clemson - **Amari Rodgers** had 10 receptions vs. Pittsburgh at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 28, 2020 (Clemson 52-17).
Opponent - Billy Kemp IV of Virginia had 10 receptions at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 3, 2020 (Clemson 41-23).

100 RECEIVING YARDS

Clemson - **Amari Rodgers** had 121 receiving yards vs. Notre Dame at Charlotte, N.C. on Dec. 19, 2020 (Clemson 34-10).
Opponent - Javon McKinley of Notre Dame had 102 receiving yards at Notre Dame, Ind. on Nov. 7, 2020 (Notre Dame 47-40).

100 RECEIVING YARDS BY TWO PLAYERS

Clemson - **Cornell Powell** (161) and **Amari Rodgers** (134) vs. Notre Dame at Notre Dame, Ind. on Nov. 7, 2020 (Notre Dame 47-40).
Opponent - Ja'Marr Chase (221) and Justin Jefferson (106) of LSU each reached 100 yards at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

200 RECEIVING YARDS

Clemson - Mike Williams had 202 receiving yards vs. Pittsburgh at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 12, 2016 (Pittsburgh 43-42).
Opponent - Ja'Marr Chase of LSU had 221 receiving yards at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

100 INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

Clemson - Willie Underwood had 101 yards on two interception returns vs. South Carolina at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 22, 1980 (Clemson 27-6).
Opponent - Dennis Tabron of Duke had 128 yards on three interception returns at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 18, 1980 (Duke 34-17).

100 PUNT RETURN YARDS

Clemson - Adam Humphries had 107 yards on eight punt returns vs. Louisville at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 11, 2014 (Clemson 23-17).
Opponent - Eddie Royal of Virginia Tech had 117 yards on three punt returns at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 6, 2007 (Virginia Tech 41-23).

200 KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

Clemson - Sammy Watkins had 207 yards on five kickoff returns vs. Maryland at College Park, Md. on Oct. 15, 2011 (Clemson 56-45).
Opponent - Hassan Hall of Louisville had 247 yards on eight kickoff returns at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 3, 2018 (Clemson 77-16).

INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Clemson - **Derion Kendrick** intercepted a James Blackman pass and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown vs. Florida State at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 12, 2019 (Clemson 45-14).
Opponent - Garrett Williams of Syracuse intercepted a Trevor Lawrence pass and returned it 39 yards for an interception at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 24, 2020 (Clemson 47-21).

PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Clemson - **Amari Rodgers** returned a punt 58 yards for a touchdown vs. Boston College at Chestnut Hill, Mass. on Nov. 10, 2018 (Clemson 27-7).
Opponent - Michael Walker of Boston College returned a punt 74 yards for a touchdown at Chestnut Hill, Mass. on Nov. 10, 2018 (Clemson 27-7).

BLOCKED PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Clemson - La'Donte Harris returned a blocked punt 10 yards for a touchdown vs. South Carolina at Columbia, S.C. on Nov. 24, 2007 (Clemson 23-21).
Opponent - Roderick Rollins of Boston College returned a blocked punt 14 yards for a touchdown at Chestnut Hill, Mass. on Nov. 1, 2008 (Clemson 27-21).

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Clemson - Sammy Watkins returned a kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown vs. Maryland at College Park, Md. on Oct. 15, 2011 (Clemson 56-45).
Opponent - Hassan Hall of Louisville returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 3, 2018 (Clemson 77-16).

FUMBLE RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Clemson - **Derion Kendrick** returned a fumble 66 yards for a touchdown vs. Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, Va. on Dec. 5, 2020 (Clemson 45-10).
Opponent - Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah of Notre Dame returned a fumble 23 yards for a touchdown at Notre Dame, Ind. on Nov. 7, 2020 (Notre Dame 47-40).

RECOVERED FUMBLE FOR TOUCHDOWN

Clemson - Clelin Ferrell recovered a Christian Wilkins fumble (following a Georgia Tech fumble) in the end zone for a touchdown vs. Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga. on Sept. 22, 2018 (Clemson 49-21).
Opponent - Adam Gotsis of Georgia Tech recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 10, 2015 (Clemson 43-24).

TOUCHDOWN BY OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Clemson - John Simpson rushed for a one-yard touchdown vs. NC State at Raleigh, N.C. on Nov. 9, 2019 (Clemson 55-10).
Opponent - Peter Anderson of Georgia fell on the ball in the end zone after a Lars Tate fumble at Clemson, S.C. on Sept. 21, 1985 (Georgia 20-13).

TOUCHDOWN BY DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Clemson - **Nyles Pinckney** rushed for a one-yard touchdown vs. Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga. on Oct. 17, 2020 (Clemson 73-7).
Opponent - Adam Gotsis of Georgia Tech recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 10, 2015 (Clemson 43-24).

FOUR PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had five passing touchdowns vs. Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga. on Oct. 17, 2020 (Clemson 73-7).
Opponent - Joe Burrow of LSU had five passing touchdowns at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

FIVE PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Clemson - **Trevor Lawrence** had five passing touchdowns vs. Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga. on Oct. 17, 2020 (Clemson 73-7).
Opponent - Joe Burrow of LSU had five passing touchdowns at New Orleans, La. on Jan. 13, 2020 (LSU 42-25).

FOUR TOUCHDOWNS

Clemson - C.J. Spiller had four rushing touchdowns vs. Georgia Tech at Tampa, Fla. on Dec. 5, 2009 (Georgia Tech 39-34).
Opponent - Dalvin Cook of Florida State had four rushing touchdowns at Tallahassee, Fla. on Oct. 29, 2016 (Clemson 37-34).

FOUR FIELD GOALS

Clemson - **B.T. Potter** was 4-4 on field goals with makes of 25, 45, 46 and 30 yards vs. Notre Dame at Notre Dame, Ind. on Nov. 7, 2020 (Notre Dame 47-40).
Opponent - Jonathan Doerer of Notre Dame was 4-5 on field goals with makes of 24, 27, 45 and 44 at Notre Dame, Ind. on Nov. 7, 2020 (Notre Dame 47-40).

FIVE FIELD GOALS

Clemson - Chandler Catanzaro was 5-5 on field goals with makes of 38, 42, 18, 20 and 47 yards vs. Boston College at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 8, 2011 (Clemson 36-14).
Opponent - Vince Fusco of Duke was 6-7 on field goals with makes of 27, 22, 22, 25, 37 and 57 yards at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 16, 1976 (18-18).

SIX FIELD GOALS

Clemson - Richard Jackson was 6-6 on field goals with makes of 23, 33, 32, 52, 42 and 35 yards vs. Boston College at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 19, 2009 (Clemson 25-7).
Opponent - Vince Fusco of Duke was 6-7 on field goals with makes of 27, 22, 22, 25, 37 and 57 yards at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 16, 1976 (18-18).

50-YARD FIELD GOAL

Clemson - **B.T. Potter** kicked a 50-yard field goal vs. Boston College at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 31, 2020 (Clemson 34-28).
Opponent - Jonathan Doerer of Notre Dame kicked a 51-yard field goal at Charlotte, N.C. on Dec. 19, 2020 (Clemson 34-10).

SAFETY

Clemson - **Bryan Bresee** forced Phil Jurkovec to intentionally ground the ball from the end zone for a safety vs. Boston College at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 31, 2020 (Clemson 34-28).
Opponent - Joshua Perry forced Tajh Boyd to intentionally ground the ball from the end zone for a safety vs. Ohio State at Miami Gardens, Fla. on Jan. 3, 2014 (Clemson 40-35).

20 POINTS

Clemson - C.J. Spiller had four rushing touchdowns (24 points) vs. Georgia Tech at Tampa, Fla. on Dec. 5, 2009 (Ga. Tech 39-34).
Opponent - Dalvin Cook of Florida State had four rushing touchdowns (24 points) at Tallahassee, Fla. on Oct. 29, 2016 (Clemson 37-34).

BLOCKED PUNT

Clemson - Jadar Johnson blocked a punt into the end zone for a safety vs. Georgia Tech at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 10, 2015. The ball went out of the end zone (Clemson 43-24).
Opponent - John Petrishen of Pittsburgh blocked a punt at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 28, 2020 (Clemson 52-17).

50-YARD PUNTING AVERAGE

Clemson - **Will Spiers** had a 53.6-yard average on five punts vs. Syracuse at Clemson, S.C. on Oct. 24, 2020 (Clemson 47-21).
Opponent - Dom Maggio of Wake Forest had a 57.7-yard average on nine punts at Clemson, S.C. on Nov. 16, 2019 (Clemson 52-3).

GAME RECAPS

GAME 1

CLEMSON	37
WAKE FOREST	13

SEPT. 12, 2020
TRUIST FIELD • WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – A stellar outing by quarterback Trevor Lawrence and a Clemson-record 18th career 100-yard rushing performance by running back Travis Etienne led No. 1 Clemson to a 37-13 victory over Wake Forest in front of only 68 people in the first game under COVID-19 protocols.

Lawrence went 22-of-28 for 351 yards and a touchdown along with two touchdown runs. With 102 yards, Etienne passed Wayne Gallman (17 from 2014-16) for Clemson's career 100-yard rushing games record.

Defensively, Winston-Salem native K.J. Henry recorded the first of Clemson's six sacks on the night. Myles Murphy (2.0) and Bryan Bresee (0.5) each contirbuted sacks, become Clemson's first true freshmen with sacks in a season-opener since 2016.

Lawrence's two rushing touchdowns gave the Tigers a 14-0 first quarter lead, marking his first career game with multiple rushing touchdowns. His first passing touchdown of the season was a 12-yard strike to tight end J.C. Chalk in the second quarter.

A career-long-tying 52-yard B.T. Potter field goal as the first half expired gave Clemson a 27-0 halftime lead. During the game, Potter broke Mark Buchholz's Clemson record for consecutive PATs (88 from 2007-08).

Clemson carried a 37-3 lead into the fourth quarter before surrending the final 10 points. The Tigers played 78 of their 80 available players in the contest.

GAME STATS

Clemson	14	13	10	0	37
Wake Forest	0	0	3	10	13

CU	Lawrence 2 run (Potter kick) 1st, 8:02, 9-92
CU	Lawrence 1 run (Potter kick) 1st, 2:31, 9-80
CU	Potter 42 FG 2nd, 10:54, 10-49
CU	Chalk 12 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 1:21, 10-91
CU	Potter 52 FG 2nd, 0:00, 6-31
WF	Sciba 39 FG 3rd, 13:21, 7-54
CU	Etienne 2 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 10:38, 6-75
CU	Potter 29 FG 3rd, 3:14, 9-65
WF	Sciba 42 FG 4th, 7:20, 6-33
WF	Morin 1 pass from Griffis (Sciba kick) 4th, 2:34, 9-30

Attendance - 58 **Weather -** Mostly Cloudy, 74°

Team Statistics	CU	WF
First Downs	27	15
Rushing	185	37
Passing	26-36	19-38
Passing Yards	376	293
Total Offense	82-561	72-330

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 17-102-1, Rencher 7-34, Pace 6-22, Bowman 6-22, Br. Spector 1-19, Phommachanh 1-7, Uiagalelei 1-3, Lawrence 7-(-24)-2

WF Beal-Smith 11-29, Walker 6-19, Drawdy 2-6, Ellison 4-3, Kern 2-2, Griffis 1-(-3), Hartman 8-(-19)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 22-28-351-0-1, Phommachanh 2-4-9-1-0, Uiagalelei 2-3-16-0-0

WF Hartman 11-21-182-0-0, Kern 6-11-83-0-0-, Griffis 2-6-28-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Rodgers 5-90, Galloway 5-60, Ngata 3-48, Etienne 3-47, Powell 2-15, D. Allen 1-42, Ladson 1-21, Br. Spector 1-16, Chalk 1-12-1, Brown 1-10, E. Williams 1-6, Ajou 1-6, W. Swinney 1-3

WF Morin 9-93-1, Roberson 4-92, Greene 3-76, Perry 2-24, Chapman 1-8

GAME 2

THE CITADEL	0
CLEMSON	49

SEPT. 19, 2020
MEMORIAL STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. – No. 1 Clemson won its home opener in front of a socially distanced crowd of 18,609 fans at Memorial Stadium, defeating The Citadel by a score of 49-0. The victory marked Clemson's 31st consecutive regular season win, passing the 2013-15 Florida State Seminoles for the longest such streak in ACC history.

Quarterback Trevor Lawrence went 8-of-9 passing for 168 yards with three passing touchdowns and a rushing touchdown. Freshman quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei added his first two career scores on the ground.

All of Clemson's points came in a 49-point first half, Clemson's most points in the first two quarters of play since scoring 49 against Temple in a 63-9 victory on Oct. 12, 2006.

Clemson's defense held the Bulldogs to just 162 total yards and added a score of its own when linebacker James Skalski returned a fumble 17 yards for the first touchdown of his career. Freshman Myles Murphy added two tackles for loss and forced the fumble that led to the Skalski scoop-and-score.

Wide receiver Frank Ladson Jr. recorded career highs in receptions (three), receiving yards (87) and receiving touchdowns (two).

Clemson produced its first shutout since the 2016 Fiesta Bowl, a 31-0 win against Ohio State. It was Clemson's first regular season shutout since a 54-0 win against Syracuse in 2016. The shutout was Clemson's seventh under Head Coach Dabo Swinney, and its fifth home shutout in his tenure.

GAME STATS

The Citadel	0	0	0	0	0
Clemson	28	21	0	0	49

CU	Ladson 17 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 12:26, 7-75
CU	Rodgers 44 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 9:41, 1-49
CU	Lawrence 2 run (Potter kick) 1st, 2:00, 8-45
CU	Skalski 17 fumble return (Potter kick) 1st, 1:51
CU	Uiagalelei 1 run (Potter kick) 2nd, 13:00, 3-6
CU	Ladson 54 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 9:55, 3-72
CU	Uiagalelei 6 run (Weitz kick) 2nd, 5:31, 8-61

Attendance - 18,609 **Weather -** Sunny, 72°

Team Statistics	CU	CIT
First Downs	16	8
Rushing	162	86
Passing	19-27	3-11
Passing Yards	243	76
Total Offense	60-405	59-162

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 8-68, Rencher 4-28, Mellusi 4-25, Phommachanh 2-13, Bowman 3-10, Dukes 2-8, Uiagalelei 3-7-2, Lawrence 1-2-1, Pace 1-2, Helms 1-(-9)

CIT Adams 12-50, Nwanze 11-20, White 5-20, Hampton 1-11,Brechtel III 3-5, Sessions 3-(-1), Rainey 10-(-8), Wallace 3-(-11)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 8-9-168-0-3, Uiagalelei 8-11-75-0-0, Phommachanh 1-5-(-1)-0-0, Helms 2-2-1-0-0

CIT Rainey 2-9-38-0-0, Webb 1-1-38-0-0, Adams 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Ladson 3-87-2, E. Williams 3-58, Powell 2-25, D. Swinney 2-6, Pace 2-0, Rodgers 1-44-1, Etienne 1-11, Brown 1-8, W. Swinney 1-3, D. Allen 1-2, Chalk 1-0, Mellusi 1-(-1)

CIT McCarthy 1-38-0, Webb 1-22-0, Sessions 1-16-0

GAME 3

VIRGINIA	23
CLEMSON	41

OCT. 3, 2020
MEMORIAL STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. – Clemson improved to 3-0 with a 41-23 win against Virginia at Memorial Stadium. The win extended Clemson's winning streak on Saturdays to 46, passing the 1953-57 Oklahoma Sooners for the longest such streak in FBS history.

Trevor Lawrence was 25-for-38 passing for 329 yards and three touchdowns, including two to Amari Rodgers. Travis Etienne totaled 187 yards from scrimmage, including 73 on the ground and a career-high and Clemson running back record 114 through the air.

Clemson's defense picked off Virginia quarterback Brennan Armstrong twice. Nolan Turner recorded the Tigers' first interception of the season in the second quarter, and on the first drive of the second half, Andrew Booth Jr. made a spectacular one-handed interception, the first of his career, in the corner of the end zone.

Lyn-J Dixon returned the opening kickoff of the game for a career-long 52 yards, setting the tone for Clemson to run out to a 24-3 lead before a late second-quarter Virginia touchdown made it 24-10 Clemson at the half.

The Tigers opened the second half scoring off the Booth interception with a 42-yard Potter field goal. The Cavaliers answered with a touchdown before Etienne recorded his second score of the game to give Clemson a 34-17 lead. Chez Mellusi added a fourth quarter two-yard rushing touchdown, his first of the season and first since the 2019 ACC Championship against the Cavaliers, to extend the Tiger lead to 41-17 before a late Virginia touchdown brought the final score to 41-23.

GAME STATS

Virginia	0	10	7	6	23
Clemson	10	14	10	7	41

CU	Potter 47 FG 1st, 13:24, 5-19
CU	Etienne 16 run (Potter kick) 1st, 0:22, 9-63
UVA	Delaney 27 FG 2nd, 9:38, 13-66
CU	Rodgers 27 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 5:23, 11-75
CU	Rodgers 9 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 3:25, 4-36
UVA	Jana 23 pass from Armstrong (Delaney kick) 2nd, 0:41, 4-65
CU	Potter 42 FG 3rd, 10:33, 8-55
UVA	Thompson 3 pass from Armstrong (Delaney kick) 3rd, 6:05, 9-75
CU	Etienne 4 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 3rd, 3:54, 6-65
CU	Mellusi 2 run (Potter kick) 4th, 5:27, 7-74
UVA	Poljan 5 pass from Armstrong (Armstrong pass failed) 4th, 1:11, 10-75

Attendance - 18,735 **Weather -** Clear, 57°

Team Statistics	UVA	CU
First Downs	25	22
Rushing	147	137
Passing	24-43	26-39
Passing Yards	270	329
Total Offense	81-417	70-466

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 14-73-1, Lawrence 6-36, Dixon 5-11, Mellusi 3-10-1, Uiagalelei 2-5, Spector 1-2

UVA Armstrong 22-89, Taulapapa 13-47, Simpson 3-11

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 25-38-329-0-3, Uiagalelei 1-1-0-0-0

UVA Armstrong 24-43-270-2-3

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Rodgers 6-72-2, Etienne 5-114-1, Ladson Jr. 5-71, Br. Spector 4-32, Galloway 2-17, Powell 2-5, D. Allen 1-18, W. Swinney 1-0

UVA Kemp 10-96, Jana 5-55-1, Poljan 3-25-1, Davis Jr. 2-58, Taulapapa 2-24, Simpson 1-9, Thompson 1-3-1

GAME RECAPS

GAME 4

MIAMI (FLA.)	17
CLEMSON	42

OCT. 10, 2020
MEMORIAL STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 1 Clemson earned a 42-17 victory over No. 7 Miami (Fla.) in Clemson's first regular season matchup of Top 10 teams since 2016.

Clemson's defense kept the Hurricanes offense in check all night, allowing only 210 yards, while the offense piled up 550. Sheridan Jones, Derion Kendrick and Kane Patterson all had interceptions while the Clemson pass rush totaled five sacks.

Trevor Lawrence completed 29-of-41 passes for 292 yards and three touchdowns and Travis Etienne ran for 149 yards and two scores and caught a game-high eight passes for 73 yards. Etienne's second rushing touchdown was the 60th of his career, making him only the 12th player in official FBS records to score 60 career rushing touchdowns

Braden Galloway produced the first multi-touchdown game by a Clemson tight end since 2016, catching touchdown passes of 24 and 11 yards. Davis Allen added his first career touchdown as well to give Clemson tight ends three touchdowns in the contest.

Clemson controlled the ball for 12:31 of the first quarter and ran 25 plays to Miami's six. At halftime, Clemson held a 21-3 advantage in first downs.

Miami scored its first touchdown of the game on the final play of the first half, blocking a 61-yard field goal attempt by B.T. Potter and returning it 48 yards for a touchdown. It was one of three Miami field goal blocks.

Clemson's 25-point win represented its sixth victory of 25 points or more against an AP Top 10 opponent all-time.

GAME STATS

Miami	**0**	**10**	**0**	**7**	**17**
Clemson	**7**	**14**	**14**	**7**	**42**

CU	Galloway 24 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 9:50, 10-75
CU	Etienne 2 run (Potter kick) 2nd, 14:54, 16-89
MIA	Borregales 42 FG 2nd, 3:53, 7-55
CU	Galloway 11 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 1:14, 6-70
MIA	Ivey 48 blocked FG return (Borregales kick) 2nd, 0:00, 0-0
CU	Etienne 72 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 7:56, 1-72
CU	Lawrence 3 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 2:31, 6-60
MIA	King 7 run (Borregales kick) 4th, 8:31, 9-71
CU	Allen 22 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 4th, 4:32, 7-65

Attendance - 18,885 **Weather -** Cloudy, late rain, 70°

Team Statistics	MIA	CU
First Downs	9	34
Rushing	89	258
Passing	12-29	29-44
Passing Yards	121	292
Total Offense	54-210	88-550

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 17-149-2, Lawrence 8-34-1, Dixon 5-12, Dukes 3-16, Rencher 3-5, Mellusi 2-13, Pace 2-9, Phommachanh 2-3

MIA King 14-84-1, Harris 8-3, Chaney Jr. 1-8, Perry 1-(-6)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 29-41-292-0-3, Uiagalelei 0-1-0-0-0, Phommachanh 0-1-0-0-0

MIA King 12-28-121-2-0, Perry 0-1-0-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 8-73, Rodgers 7-62, Galloway 4-74-2, Ladson Jr. 3-43, Br. Spector 3-10, Powell 2-12, D. Allen 1-22-1, E. Williams 1-(-4)

MIA Jordan 3-31, Harley 3-17, Smith 1-42, Wiggins 1-24, Harris 1-6, Mallory 1-5, Knighton 1-(-1), Chaney Jr. 1-(-3)

GAME 5

CLEMSON	73
GEORGIA TECH	7

OCT. 17, 2020
BOBBY DODD STADIUM • ATLANTA, GA.

ATLANTA — No. 1 Clemson cruised to the largest conference win in ACC history, defeating Georgia Tech, 73-7, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Clemson scored a modern-era school-record 52 first-half points, as Trevor Lawrence was 22-for-27 passing for 391 yards and five touchdowns in the first half alone. Lawrence finished with a career-high 404 passing yards. Wide receiver Amari Rodgers found the end zone twice in a career-high 161 yard performance as 17 different Tigers caught a pass, the most in the Dabo Swinney era.

Among those with a touchdown was defensive tackle Nyles Pinckney, who scored on a one-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Travis Etienne scored a three-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter as well, giving him 408 career points to break Chandler Catanzaro's school record of 404.

The Tiger defense forced three turnovers and totaled four sacks. Clemson held Georgia Tech to seven first downs, its second straight game holding its opponent to single-digit first downs.

Chez Mellusi, Kobe Pace and Ajou Ajou added second half touchdowns. Pace's came on Hunter Helms's first career touchdown pass. Ajou's touchdown, also from Helms, marked the first of his career as well.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**17**	**35**	**7**	**14**	**73**
Georgia Tech	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**

CU	Powell 5 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 7:55, 5-41
GT	Camp 59 pass from Sims (Kelley kick) 1st, 6:32, 4-75
CU	Rodgers 83 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 6:14, 1-83
CU	Potter 30 FG 1st, 4:03, 4-3
CU	D. Allen 34 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 12:43, 6-62
CU	Pinckney 1 run (Potter kick) 2nd, 7:05, 9-80
CU	Ladson 8 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 3:14, 7-68
CU	Etienne 3 run (Potter kick) 2nd 2:10, 2-7
CU	Rodgers 16 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 0:16, 3-68
CU	Mellusi 5 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 8:21, 2-5
CU	Pace 7 pass from Helms (Swanson kick) 4th, 11:38, 16-83
CU	Ajou 35 pass from Helms (Swanson kick) 4th, 7:41, 5-91

Attendance - 11,000 **Weather -** Sunny, 59°

Team Statistics	CU	GT
First Downs	29	7
Rushing	171	123
Passing	33-49	6-14
Passing Yards	500	81
Total Offense	88-671	58-204

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 11-44-1, Dixon 5-32, Dukes 3-31, Mellusi 5-21-1, Pace 4-21, Rencher 4-11, Lawrence 3-6, Phommachanh 2-2, Helms 1-2, Pinckney 1-1-1

GT Gibbs 15-67, Massey 3-47, Smith 6-30, Griffin 2-7, Jordan-Swilling 3-0, Yates 2-(-5), Sims 13-(-23)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 24-32-404-1-5, Helms 5-7-74-0-2, Phommachanh 2-6-9-0-0, Spiers 2-3-13-0-0

GT Sims 6-13-81-1-1, Yates 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Rodgers 6-161-2, Powell 4-50-1, 3-67-1, Ladson 3-21-1, E. Williams 2-29, Etienne 2-29, Pace 2-21-1, W. Swinney 2-13, Ajou 1-35-1, Br. Spector 1-20, Chalk 1-12, D. Swinney 1-12, Dixon 1-9, Brown 1-9, Ngata 1-6, Lay 1-5, May 1-1

GT Gibbs 3-23, Camp 1-59-1, Brown 1-2, Smith 1-(-3)

GAME 6

SYRACUSE	21
CLEMSON	47

OCT. 24, 2020
MEMORIAL STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. — Top-ranked Clemson improved to 6-0 with a 47-21 victory over Syracuse. After Clemson raced out to a 17-0 lead, Syracuse pulled to within six points at 27-21 before Clemson rattled off 20 unanswered points to seal the game.

The Tigers' defense forced a momentum-swinging strip-sack in the third quarter that was returned for a touchdown by Andrew Booth Jr. Clemson also had three interceptions, one each by Nolan Turner, Mike Jones Jr. and Jalyn Phillips.

Travis Etienne scored three rushing touchdowns on 16 carries and totaled 86 yards on the ground. Trevor Lawrence was 27-of-43 passing for 289 yards and two touchdowns.

Syracuse returned a Lawrence interception 39 yards for a touchdown and the Tigers responded with another Potter field goal to give them a 27-14 lead as the first half expired. With Clemson's fumble return touchdown and Syracuse's interception return touchdown, the game was Clemson's first in which both teams recorded a defensive touchdown since 2014 when Clemson's Jadar Johnson and South Carolina State's Dominique Mitchell each scored via fumble return.

The win gave Clemson a school-record 26-game home unbeaten streak. Clemson went unbeaten in 25 straight games at Memorial Stadium from 1980-84 with 23 wins and two ties in that span.

GAME STATS

Syracuse	**0**	**14**	**7**	**0**	**21**
Clemson	**17**	**10**	**7**	**13**	**47**

CU	Powell 25 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 13:37, 5-47
CU	Potter 24 FG 1st, 8:46, 4-6
CU	Etienne 25 1st, 4:25, 4-43
SYR	Tucker 7 run (Szmyt kick) 2nd, 14:15, 4-20
CU	Allen 17 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd, 2:54, 12-87
SYR	Williams 39 interception return (Szmyt) 2nd, 1:18
CU	Potter 36 FG 2nd, 0:00, 11-56
SYR	Johnson 83 pass from Culpepper (Szmyt kick) 3rd, 8:41, 4-96
CU	Booth Jr 21 fumble return (Potter kick) 3rd, 1:26
CU	Etienne 9 run (Lawrence pass failed) 4th, 13:38, 4-67
CU	Etienne 1 run (Potter kick) 4th, 10:45, 3-3

Attendance - 18,629 **Weather -** Sunny, 73°

Team Statistics	SYR	CU
First Downs	11	27
Rushing	150	147
Passing	10-26	29-47
Passing Yards	175	308
Total Offense	58-325	84-455

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 16-86-3, Dixon 7-22, Lawrence 4-17, Pace 3-15, Rencher 2-10, Spiers 1-6, Mellusi 3-4

SYR Tucker 10-63-1, Johnson 2-59, Pierre 6-16, Lutz 10-15, Culpepper 4-(-3)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 27-43-289-1-2, Uiagalelei 1-3-11-0-0, Rodgers 1-1-8-0-0

SYR Culpepper 10-26-175-3-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Rodgers 8-91, Galloway 5-33, Etienne 3-20, Powell 2-45-1, Ladson Jr. 2-29, E. Williams 2-22, Ngata 2-15, D. Allen 1-17-1, Dixon 1-12, Chalk 1-11, Lawrence 1-8, Br. Spector 1-5

SYR Queeley 5-58, Hendrix 3-24, N. Johnson 1-83-1, S. Johnson 1-10

GAME RECAPS

GAME 7

BOSTON COLLEGE	28
CLEMSON	34

OCT. 31, 2020
MEMORIAL STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 1 Clemson scored 24 unanswered points to overcome an 18-point deficit to defeat Boston College, 34-28 at Death Valley. The comeback tied for the second-largest in school history and was Clemson's largest at Memorial Stadium all-time.

Running Travis Etienne totaled 224 all-purpose yards, including 84 rushing on 20 carries, becoming the ACC's all-time leading rusher by breaking the record held by NC State's Ted Brown (4,602) since 1978. His 140 receiving yards also broke his own school running back record set earlier this season against Virginia (114).

Making his first career start, quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei dazzled, going 30-for-41 passing for 342 yards and two touchdowns. He also added 25 yards and a touchdown on the ground after learning on Thursday he would start in place of Trevor Lawrence, who missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19.

The Eagles scored on their opening two possessions, and Clemson was one yard away from tying the game at 14 when Boston College picked up a fumbled exchange and returned it 97 yards for a touchdown for a 21-7 lead. Boston College extended the lead to 28-10 with 1:02 remaining in the second quarter, but a B.T. Potter 50-yard field goal cut Clemson's halftime deficit to 15.

Clemson outscored Boston College in the third quarter, 13-0, to cut the lead to two on a touchdown run and touchdown pass by Uiagalelei. Clemson took its first lead early in the fourth quarter on a 17-yard touchdown run by Etienne. The Eagles had the ball at their four-yard line with 1:24 remaining, but on the drive's first play, freshman Bryan Bresee forced an intentional grounding penalty in the end zone for a safety to seal the win.

GAME STATS

Boston College	14	14	0	0	28
Clemson	7	6	13	8	34

BOC	Flowers 11 pass from Jurkovec (Boumerhi kick) 1st, 13:08, 4-74
CU	Etienne 35 pass from Uiagalelei (Potter kick) 1st, 10:54, 6-65
BOC	Bailey 2 run (Boumerhi kick) 1st, 8:41, 6-75
BOC	Sebastian 97 fumble return (Boumerhi kick) 2nd, 12:14
CU	Potter 33 FG 2nd, 8:44, 8-63
BOC	Lewis 18 pass from Jurkovec (Boumerhi kick) 2nd, 1:02, 15-75
CU	Potter 50 FG 2nd, 0:07, 10-42
CU	Uiagalelei 30 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 11:38, 7-56
CU	Rodgers 8 pass from Uiagalelei (Uiagalelei pass failed) 3rd, 6:16, 7-64
CU	Etienne 17 run (Potter kick failed) 4th, 11:34, 10-91
CU	Bresee safety 4th, 1:18

Attendance - 18,690 **Weather -** Sunny, 59°

Team Statistics	BOC	CU
First Downs	21	26
Rushing	67	106
Passing	13-25	30-43
Passing Yards	208	342
Total Offense	59-275	74-448

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Etienne 20-84-1, Uiagalelei 6-25-1, Dixon 3-0
BOC Levy 10-40, Bailey 14-32-1, Flowers 1-4, Jurkovec 8-(-8)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Uiagalelei 30-41-342-0-2
BOC Jurkovec 12-24-204-0-2, Grosel 1-1-4-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Powell 11-105, Etienne 7-140-1, Rodgers 7-66-1, E. Williams 2-24, Br. Spector 2-1, D. Allen 1-6
BOC Lewis 5-66-1, Flowers 3-63-1, Long 3-23, Gill 1-48, Galloway 1-8

GAME 8

CLEMSON	40
NOTRE DAME	(2OT) 47

NOV. 7, 2020
NOTRE DAME STADIUM • NOTRE DAME, IND.

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — No. 1 Clemson fell to No. 4 Notre Dame, 47-40, in double overtime in the highest-ranked matchup of ACC squads in conference history.

The Irish jumped out to an early 10-0 lead. The Tigers responded with a 53-yard bomb from D.J. Uiagalelei to Cornell Powell. Powell finished with a career-high 161 yards on six receptions. Uiagalelei finished with 439 passing yards, the most ever surrendered by Notre Dame.

The second quarter saw the two teams exchange field goals before an Etienne fumble was recovered by Notre Dame and returned for a touchdown to give the Irish a 20-10 advantage before ultimately going into halftime at 23-13 in favor of Notre Dame.

The Tigers scored 10 consecutive points to open the third, tying the game at 23. Another Notre Dame field goal gave the Irish a 26-23 lead, which was quickly erased by B.T. Potter's career-high fourth field goal of the game. With 9:14 remaining and the score locked at 26-26, Uiagalelei led the Tigers on a 12-play, 74-yard touchdown drive lasting 5:41 capped by a Travis Etienne three-yard touchdown run to give Clemson the lead.

In their last possession of regulation, Notre Dame cashed in on a 91-yard touchdown drive that sent the game into overtime. Both teams scored touchdowns in the first frame, but when Notre Dame opened the second overtime period with a score, the Tigers allowed two sacks to thwart the comeback bid.

GAME STATS

Clemson	7	6	10	10	7	0	40
Notre Dame	10	13	0	10	7	7	47

ND	Williams 65 run (Doerer kick) 1st, 14:27, 1-75
ND	Doerer 24 FG 1st, 5:55, 6-65
CU	Powell 53 pass from Uiagalelei (Potter kick) 1st, 4:11, 4-75
ND	Doerer 27 FG 2nd ,13:09, 13-66
CU	Potter 25 FG 2nd, 8:32, 11-80
ND	Owusu-Koramoah 23 fumble return (Doerer kick) 2nd, 5:53
ND	Doerer 45 FG 2nd, 2:41, 4-(-2)
CU	Potter 45 FG 2nd, 1:09, 6-47
CU	Potter 46 FG 3rd, 12:15, 9-36
CU	Allen 10 pass from Uiagalelei (Potter kick) 3rd, 4:12, 13-60
ND	Doerer 44 FG 4th, 11:37, 7-31
CU	Potter 30 FG 4th, 9:42, 5-58
CU	Etienne 3 run (Potter kick) 4th, 3:33, 12-74
ND	Davis 4 pass from Book (Doerer kick) 4th, 0:22, 8-91
CU	Uiagalelei 1 run (Potter kick) OT, 2-25
ND	Williams 3 run (Doerer kick) OT, 4-25
ND	Williams 3 run (Doerer kick) 2OT, 7-25

Attendance - 11,011 **Weather -** Cloudy, 61°

Team Statistics	CU	ND
First Downs	22	22
Rushing	34	209
Passing	29-44	22-39
Passing Yards	439	310
Total Offense	77-473	80-519

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Etienne 18-28-1, Mellusi 1-5, Uiagalelei 13-2-1
ND Williams 23-140-3, Book 14-64, Flemister 1-5, Tyree 2-(-4)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yds-I-TD)
CU Uiagalelei 29-44-439-0-2
ND Book 22-39-310-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Rodgers 8-134, Etienne 8-57, Powell 6-161-1, Galloway 3-46, D. Allen 2-19-1, Ngata 1-14, E. Williams 1-8
ND McKinley 5-102, Mayer 5-67, Davis 4-78-1, Skowronek 4-33, Tremble 3-32, Williams 1-(-2)

GAME 9

PITTSBURGH	17
CLEMSON	52

NOV. 28, 2020
MEMORIAL STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 4 Clemson defeated Pitt, 52-17, on Senior Day behind a 403-yard passing performance by Trevor Lawrence in his return from a two-game absence. Clemson forced five turnovers, including four interceptions, two from cornerback Mario Goodrich. The game was Clemson's first in 21 days, its longest regular season layoff since 1918.

The Tigers raced out to a 31-0 lead behind 31 first-quarter points, a school record against an FBS opponent. E.J. Williams, wearing No. 39 to honor his father on Military Appreciation Day, opened the scoring with his first career touchdown catch. Cornell Powell added a first-quarter score amid a career-high 176 receiving yards and became only the third Tiger ever to post at least 150 receiving yards in back-to-back games.

The Tigers took a 38-10 lead into halftime, but a Lawrence fumble on the opening play of the second half led to a Panthers touchdown that cut the deficit to 21 points. After the two teams traded several punts, Travis Etienne cashed in his second score on a three-yard touchdown run. A late Chez Mellusi receiving touchdown from D.J. Uiagalelei brought the final score to 52-17.

With the victory on Senior Day, Clemson's 2020 seniors finished 27-0 at home, the first Clemson class to go undefeated at Death Valley and the first FBS class to go undefeated at home since Boise State and Oklahoma in 2010.

GAME STATS

Pittsburgh	0	10	7	0	17
Clemson	31	7	7	7	52

CU	E. Williams 5 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 11:36, 3-16
CU	Potter 46 FG 1st, 9:26, 6-52
CU	Powell 43 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 7:35, 4-65
CU	Etienne 2 run (Potter kick) 1st, 4;55, 5-35
CU	Dixon 1 run (Potter kick) 1st, 0:05, 7-82
PIT	Kessman 23 FG 2nd, 9:11, 7-37
CU	Mellusi 2 run (Potter kick) 2nd, 7:59, 4-75
PIT	Addison 18 pass from Pickett (Kessman kick) 2nd, 1:13, 11-75
PIT	V. Davis 4 pass from Pickett (Kessman kick) 3rd, 14:24, 2-19
CU	Etienne 3 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 0:52, 10-89
CU	Mellusi 9 pass from Uiagalelei (Potter kick) 4th, 10:48, 10-41

Attendance - 18,819 **Weather -** Sunny, 68°

Team Statistics	PIT	CU
First Downs	12	27
Rushing	16	145
Passing	24-43	35-52
Passing Yards	230	436
Total Offense	67-246	90-581

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Etienne 11-58-2, Dixon 9-46-1, Mellusi 5-27-1, Lawrence 8-9, Pace 2-6, Uiagalelei 1-1, Rencher 2-(-2)
PIT A. Davis 4-21, V. Davis 5-19, Turner 1-3, Addison 1-2, Carter 2-(-5), Pickett 11-(-24)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Lawrence 26-37-403-0-2, Uiagalelei 7-12-31-0-0, Helms 2-3-2-0-0
PIT Pickett 22-39-209-4-2, Beville 1-2-16-0-0, Yellen 1-2-5-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Rodgers 10-93, Powell 6-176-1, E. Williams 3-38-1, Etienne 3-20, Galloway 2-37, Rencher 2-15, W. Swinney 2-10, Mellusi 2-8-1, Br. Spector 1-26, D. Allen 1-6, Pace 1-5, Chalk 1-4, Jackson 1-(-2)
PIT Wayne 5-62, Addison 5-41-1, Turner 3-32, A. Davis 3-30, Mack 2-17, V. Davis 2-9-1, Wright 1-16, Jacques-Louis 1-11, Barden 1-7, Vardzel 1-5

GAME RECAPS

GAME 10

CLEMSON	45
VIRGINIA TECH	10

DEC. 5, 2020
LANE STADIUM • BLACKSBURG, VA.

BLACKSBURG, Va. — No. 4/3 Clemson defeated Virginia Tech, 45-10, to advance to its sixth consecutive ACC Championship Game. With the win, Trevor Lawrence (33-1) passed Rodney Williams, Tajh Boyd and Deshaun Watson to become the winningest starting quarterback in school history.

Tied at 10-10 early in the second quarter, Clemson rattled off 35 unanswerd points for the victory.

Clemson opened the scoring with a 28-yard B.T. Potter field goal, but the Hokies responded to take their only lead of the game on a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive. The Tigers regained the advantage when Lawrence scampered for a 17-yard score.

After a 54-yard Virginia Tech field goal evened the score at 10-10, Lyn-J Dixon capped off a 75-yard drive with a 19-yard touchdown run. The Tigers escaped with a 17-10 halftime lead after a hail mary pass was caught at the one-yard line as the half expired.

After Myles Murphy forced his third fumble of the season, Clemson cashed in on the turnover with a seven-yard Lawrence touchdown run to open the second-half scoring. Derion Kendrick later scooped a Virginia Tech fumble and returned it 66 yards for a touchdown to give Clemson a 31-10 third quarter lead.

In the fourth quarter, Lawrence found Cornell Powell for a 65-yard touchdown. Darien Rencher, who won the Disney Spirit Award earlier in the week, capped the scoring by taking a handoff 50 yards for his first touchdown of the season and the longest rush of his career.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**10**	**7**	**14**	**14**	**45**
Virginia Tech	**7**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**10**

CU	Potter 28 FG 1st, 8:27, 7-61
VT	Herbert 4 run (Johnson kick) 1st, 3:45, 7-75
CU	Lawrence 17 run (Potter kick) 1st, 0:12, 10-75
VT	Johnson 54 FG 2nd , 3:52, 6-13
CU	Dixon 19 run (Potter kick) 2nd, 1:06, 7-75
CU	Lawrence 7 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 4:45, 2-12
CU	Kendrick 66 fumble return (Potter kick) 3rd, 1:28
CU	Powell 65 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 4th, 10:16, 2-49
CU	Rencher 50 run (Potter kick) 4th, 4:01, 1-50
CU	D. Allen 22 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 4th, 4:32, 7-65

Attendance - 250 **Weather -** Cloudy, 37°

Team Statistics	CU	VT
First Downs	19	18
Rushing	238	131
Passing	12-22	15-19
Passing Yards	195	202
Total Offense	52-433	64-333

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 16-66, Rencher 1-50-1, Mellusi 3-44, Lawrence 7-41-2, Dixon 3-37-1

VT Herbert 21-96-1, Kadum 6-24, Lee 3-16, Burmeister 5-6, Blackshear 1-(-1), Holston 6-(-3), Hooker 3-(-7)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 12-22-195-1-1

VT Burmeister 10-12-127-0-0, Kadum 4-6-68-0-0, Hooker 1-1-7-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Powell 4-90-1, Rodgers 3-32, D. Allen 2-13, Galloway 1-49, Br. Spector 1-10, Etienne 1-1

VT Blackshear 4-68, Robinson 3-53, Mitchell 3-11, Hodge 2-14, Holston 1-47, Fairs 1-8, Herbert 1-1

GAME 11

CLEMSON	34
NOTRE DAME	10

DEC. 19, 2020
BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM • CHARLOTTE, N.C.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — No. 3 Clemson won its sixth straight outright ACC title with a commanding 34-10 win against No. 2 Notre Dame. Trevor Lawrence, who did not play in a November loss to Notre Dame, completed 25-of-36 passes for 322 yards and two touchdowns and added a 34-yard touchdown run among his 90 rushing yards to earn MVP.

The Tigers held the Fighting Irish to just 263 yards and sacked quarterback Ian Book six times. James Skalski, who became the first player to ever appear in five ACC championships, recorded a sack and five total tackles.

Notre Dame opened the scoring with a 51-yard field goal on the first drive of the game. After a missed 24-yard attempt on the Irish's next drive, the Tigers quickly capitalized with a 67-yard touchdown bomb from Lawrence to Amari Rodgers to take a 7-3 lead, starting a run of 34 consecutive Clemson points.

After a 33-yard E.J. Williams touchdown and a 27-yard B.T. Potter field goal, on a fourth and one in the final minute of the half, Etienne pushed the halftime lead to 24-3 on a 44-yard touchdown run.

Lawrence opened the second half scoring with a 34-yard touchdown scamper. Potter added another field goal. The Fighting Irish scored their lone points of the second half on a 21-yard run to bring the score to 34-10.

The game represented only the fourth time in the AP Poll era that two teams faced one another twice in a single season with both teams ranked in the AP Top 5 for both meetings. Clemson's win improved teams that lost the first meeting to 4-0 in those rematches, with the team that lost the first game winning the rematch by at least 21 points in all four meetings.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**17**	**7**	**3**	**34**
Notre Dame	**3**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**10**

ND	Doerer 51 FG 1st, 8:16, 11-46
CU	Rodgers 67 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 1st, 0:41, 3-80
CU	E. Williams 33 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick) 2nd,, 9:24, 6-72
CU	Potter 27 FG 2nd, 4:28, 8-63
CU	Etienne 44 run (Potter kick) 2nd, 0:21, 10-88
CU	Lawrence 34 run (Potter kick) 3rd, 3:43, 8-83
CU	Potter 37 FG 4th, 10:31, 12-66
ND	Tyree 21 run (Doerer kick) 4th, 8:09, 7-75

Attendance - 5,240 **Weather -** Partly cloudy, 48°

Team Statistics	CU	ND
First Downs	23	18
Rushing	219	44
Passing	25-39	20-28
Passing Yards	322	219
Total Offense	66-541	58-263

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)

CU Etienne 10-124-1, Lawrence 14-90-1, Mellusi 1-2, Mayers 1-2, Rencher 1-1

ND Williams 15-50, Tyree 1-21-1, Davis 1-18, Flemister 1-(-4), Book 10-(-35)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)

CU Lawrence 25-36-322-1-2, Uiagalelei 0-1-0-0-0

ND Book 20-28-219-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)

CU Rodgers 8-121-1, Williams 4-80-1, Powell 4-59, Galloway 3-15, Etienne 3-12, Mellusi 2-31, Chalk 1-4

ND Mayer 5-51, Skowronek 4-54, McKinley 3-37, Williams 3-14, Tremble 2-41, Davis 2-15, Tyree 1-7

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Rushing	**gp**	**att**	**gain**	**loss**	**net**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**avg/g**	**gp**	**att**	**gain**	**loss**	**net**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**avg/g**
Travis Etienne	11	158	924	42	882	5.6	13	72	80.2	54	676	5029	109	4920	7.3	69	90	91.1
Trevor Lawrence	9	58	317	106	211	3.6	7	34	23.4	39	221	1298	347	951	4.3	17	67	24.4
Lyn-J Dixon	9	40	187	17	170	4.2	2	21	18.9	37	206	1415	63	1352	6.6	13	65	36.5
Chez Mellusi	9	27	154	3	151	5.6	3	38	16.8	21	71	433	6	427	6.0	6	57	20.3
Darien Rencher	11	24	140	3	137	5.7	1	50	12.5	36	74	379	4	375	5.1	3	50	10.4
Kobe Pace	8	18	75	0	75	4.2	0	16	9.4	8	18	75	0	75	4.2	0	16	9.4
D.J. Uiagalelei	10	28	95	35	60	2.1	4	30	6.0	10	28	95	35	60	2.1	4	30	6.0
Michel Dukes	7	8	62	7	55	6.9	0	29	7.9	17	40	220	15	205	5.1	2	29	12.1
BOWMAN	2	9	34	2	32	3.6	0	10	16.0	2	9	34	2	32	3.6	0	10	16.0
Taisun Phommachanh	4	7	32	7	25	3.6	0	7	6.2	7	19	90	9	81	4.3	0	12	11.6
Brannon Spector	10	2	21	0	21	10.5	0	19	2.1	13	2	21	0	21	10.5	0	19	1.6
Will Spiers	11	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.5	55	2	6	21	-15	-7.5	0	6	-0.3
Sylvester Mayers	3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.7	6	2	2	0	2	1.0	0	2	0.3
Nyles Pinckney	11	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.1	54	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.0
Hunter Helms	3	2	2	9	-7	-3.5	0	2	-2.3	3	2	2	9	-7	-3.5	0	2	-2.3
TEAM	11	5	0	19	-19	-3.8	0	0	-1.7									
Total	11	389	2052	250	1802	4.6	31	72	163.8									
Opponents	11	394	1561	463	1098	2.8	8	65	99.8									

Passing	**gp**	**effic**	**comp-att-int**	**pct**	**yds**	**td**	**lg**	**avg/g**	**gp**	**effic**	**comp-att-int**	**pct**	**yds**	**td**	**lg**	**avg/g**
Trevor Lawrence	9	172.68	198-286-4	69.2	2753	22	83	305.9	39	164.96	725-1090-16	66.5	9698	88	87	248.7
D.J. Uiagalelei	10	146.39	78-117-0	66.7	914	5	53	91.4	10	146.39	78-117-0	66.7	914	5	53	91.4
Taisun Phommachanh	4	26.05	5-17-1	29.4	17	0	6	4.2	7	45.28	11-29-2	37.9	73	0	20	10.4
Hunter Helms	3	183.90	9-12-0	75.0	77	2	35	25.7	3	183.90	9-12-0	75.0	77	2	35	25.7
TEAM	11	0.00	0-6-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0								
Will Spiers	11	103.07	2-3-0	66.7	13	0	12	1.2	55	90.24	3-5-0	60.0	18	0	12	0.3
Amari Rodgers	11	167.20	1-1-0	100.0	8	0	8	0.7	54	55.73	1-3-0	33.3	8	0	8	0.1
Total	11	157.55	293-442-5	66.3	3782	29	83	343.8								
Opponents	11	114.87	168-315-13	53.3	2185	11	83	198.6								

Receiving	**gp**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**avg/g**	**gp**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**avg/g**
Amari Rodgers	11	69	966	14.0	7	83	87.8	54	173	2090	12.1	15	87	38.7
Cornell Powell	11	45	743	16.5	5	70	67.5	53	85	1072	12.6	8	70	20.2
Travis Etienne	11	44	524	11.9	2	46	47.6	54	98	1091	11.1	8	53	20.2
Braden Galloway	11	25	331	13.2	2	49	30.1	25	32	443	13.8	3	49	17.7
E.J. Williams	11	19	261	13.7	2	38	23.7	11	19	261	13.7	2	38	23.7
Frank Ladson Jr.	9	17	272	16.0	3	54	30.2	24	26	400	15.4	6	57	16.7
Davis Allen	11	14	212	15.1	4	42	19.3	26	19	265	13.9	4	42	10.2
Brannon Spector	10	14	120	8.6	0	26	12.0	13	17	136	8.0	0	26	10.5
Joseph Ngata	7	7	83	11.9	0	19	11.9	22	24	323	13.5	3	37	14.7
Will Swinney	11	7	29	4.1	0	9	2.6	55	28	168	6.0	1	30	3.1
J.C. Chalk	9	6	43	7.2	1	12	4.8	48	23	143	6.2	1	18	3.0
Chez Mellusi	9	5	38	7.6	1	23	4.2	21	5	38	7.6	1	23	1.8
Kobe Pace	8	5	26	5.2	1	14	3.2	8	5	26	5.2	1	14	3.2
Will Brown	8	3	27	9.0	0	10	3.4	16	4	35	8.8	0	10	2.2
Drew Swinney	5	3	18	6.0	0	12	3.6	17	5	29	5.8	0	12	1.7
Ajou Ajou	10	2	41	20.5	1	35	4.1	10	2	41	20.5	1	35	4.1
Lyn-J Dixon	9	2	21	10.5	0	12	2.3	37	17	183	10.8	0	55	4.9
Darien Rencher	11	2	15	7.5	0	8	1.4	36	7	37	5.3	0	12	1.0
Trevor Lawrence	9	1	8	8.0	0	8	0.9	39	3	-4	-1.3	0	8	-0.1
Jaelyn Lay	11	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.5	15	2	25	12.5	0	20	1.7
Max May	8	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1	18	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Josh Jackson	4	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5	15	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.1
Total	11	293	3782	12.9	29	83	343.8							
Opponents	11	168	2185	13.0	11	83	198.6							

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	SEASON						CAREER					
Total Offense	**g**	**plays**	**rush**	**pass**	**total**	**avg/g**	**g**	**plays**	**rush**	**pass**	**total**	**avg/g**
Trevor Lawrence	9	344	211	2753	2964	329.3	39	1311	951	9698	10649	273.1
D.J. Uiagalelei	10	145	60	914	974	97.4	10	145	60	914	974	97.4
Travis Etienne	11	158	882	0	882	80.2	54	677	4920	23	4943	91.5
Lyn-J Dixon	9	40	170	0	170	18.9	37	206	1352	0	1352	36.5
Chez Mellusi	9	27	151	0	151	16.8	21	71	427	0	427	20.3
Darien Rencher	11	24	137	0	137	12.5	36	74	375	0	375	10.4
Kobe Pace	8	18	75	0	75	9.4	8	18	75	0	75	9.4
Hunter Helms	3	14	-7	77	70	23.3	3	14	-7	77	70	23.3
Michel Dukes	7	8	55	0	55	7.9	17	40	205	0	205	12.1
Taisun Phommachanh	4	24	25	17	42	10.5	7	48	81	73	154	22.0
BOWMAN	2	9	32	0	32	16.0	2	9	32	0	32	16.0
Brannon Spector	10	2	21	0	21	2.1	13	2	21	0	21	1.6
Will Spiers	11	4	6	13	19	1.7	55	7	-15	18	3	0.1
Amari Rodgers	11	1	0	8	8	0.7	54	9	46	8	54	1.0
Sylvester Mayers	3	1	2	0	2	0.7	6	2	2	0	2	0.3
Nyles Pinckney	11	1	1	0	1	0.1	54	1	1	0	1	0.0
TEAM	11	11	-19	0	-19	-1.7						
Total	11	831	1802	3782	5584	507.6						
Opponents	11	709	1098	2185	3283	298.5						

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Scoring	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
B.T. Potter	-	18-23	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	111	-	32-45	143-144	-	-	-	-	-	239
Travis Etienne	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	462
Amari Rodgers	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	17	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	104
Trevor Lawrence	7	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	42	17	-	-	-	-	2-3	-	-	102
Cornell Powell	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Davis Allen	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Chez Mellusi	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
D.J. Uiagalelei	4	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	24	4	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	24
Frank Ladson Jr.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Braden Galloway	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Lyn-J Dixon	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
E.J. Williams	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Nyles Pinckney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darien Rencher	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Andrew Booth Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ajou Ajou	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
J.C. Chalk	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Derion Kendrick	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
James Skalski	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kobe Pace	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Aidan Swanson	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bryan Bresee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Jonathan Weitz	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	63	18-23	60-61	-	-	0-2	-	1	494									
Opponents	23	11-16	22-22	-	-	0-1	-	-	193									

Punt Returns	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**
Amari Rodgers	9	64	7.1	0	21	68	529	7.8	1	62
Derion Kendrick	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	10	15	1.5	0	9
Elijah Turner	1	7	7.0	0	7	1	7	7.0	0	7
Will Swinney	1	9	9.0	0	9	8	17	2.1	0	9
Travis Etienne	1	44	44.0	0	44	1	44	44.0	0	44
Total	13	123	9.5	0	44					
Opponents	15	130	8.7	0	18					

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Kick Returns	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**
Lyn-J Dixon	9	210	23.3	0	52	11	234	21.3	0	52
Travis Etienne	6	148	24.7	0	40	30	665	22.2	0	40
Cornell Powell	1	15	15.0	0	15	8	197	24.6	0	43
Michel Dukes	1	20	20.0	0	20	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total	17	393	23.1	0	52					
Opponents	12	269	22.4	0	39					

Interceptions	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**
Nolan Turner	3	52	17.3	0	31	6	76	12.7	0	31
Mario Goodrich	2	5	2.5	0	5	3	5	1.7	0	5
Andrew Booth Jr.	2	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0.0	0	0
Sheridan Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kane Patterson	1	8	8.0	0	8	1	8	8.0	0	8
Jalyn Phillips	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	5	5.0	0	5
Malcolm Greene	1	8	8.0	0	8	1	8	8.0	0	8
Derion Kendrick	1	0	0.0	0	0	3	52	17.3	1	38
Mike Jones Jr.	1	40	40.0	0	40	1	40	40.0	0	40
Total	13	118	9.1	0	40					
Opponents	5	67	13.4	1	39					

Fumble Returns	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**td**	**lg**
Kane Patterson	1	57	57.0	0	57	1	57	57.0	0	57
James Skalski	1	17	17.0	1	17	1	17	17.0	1	17
Andrew Booth Jr.	1	21	21.0	1	21	1	21	21.0	1	21
Derion Kendrick	1	66	66.0	1	66	1	66	66.0	1	66
Total	4	161	40.2	3	66					
Opponents	3	123	41.0	3	97					

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	SEASON								CAREER							
All Purpose	**g**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pr**	**kr**	**ir**	**total**	**avg/g**	**g**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pr**	**kr**	**ir**	**total**	**avg/g**
Travis Etienne	11	882	524	44	148	0	1635	148.6	54	4920	1091	44	665	0	6757	125.1
Amari Rodgers	11	0	966	64	0	0	1030	93.6	54	46	2090	529	58	0	2723	50.4
Cornell Powell	11	0	743	0	15	0	758	68.9	53	0	1072	0	197	0	1269	23.9
Lyn-J Dixon	9	170	21	0	210	0	401	44.6	37	1352	183	0	234	0	1769	47.8
Braden Galloway	11	0	331	0	0	0	331	30.1	25	0	443	0	0	0	443	17.7
Frank Ladson Jr.	9	0	272	0	0	0	272	30.2	24	0	400	0	0	0	400	16.7
E.J. Williams	11	0	261	0	0	0	261	23.7	11	0	261	0	0	0	261	23.7
Trevor Lawrence	9	211	8	0	0	0	219	24.3	39	951	-4	0	0	0	947	24.3
Davis Allen	11	0	212	0	0	0	212	19.3	26	0	265	0	0	0	265	10.2
Chez Mellusi	9	151	38	0	0	0	189	21.0	21	427	38	0	0	0	465	22.1
Darien Rencher	11	137	15	0	0	0	152	13.8	36	375	37	0	0	0	412	11.4
Brannon Spector	10	21	120	0	0	0	141	14.1	13	21	136	0	0	0	157	12.1
Kobe Pace	8	75	26	0	0	0	101	12.6	8	75	26	0	0	0	101	12.6
Joseph Ngata	7	0	83	0	0	0	83	11.9	22	0	323	0	325	0	648	29.5
Michel Dukes	7	55	0	0	20	0	75	10.7	17	205	0	0	20	0	225	13.2
D.J. Uiagalelei	10	60	0	0	0	0	60	6.0	10	60	0	0	0	0	60	6.0
Nolan Turner	11	0	0	0	0	52	52	4.7	54	0	0	0	0	76	76	1.4
J.C. Chalk	9	0	43	0	0	0	43	4.8	48	0	143	0	0	0	143	3.0
Ajou Ajou	10	0	41	0	0	0	41	4.1	10	0	41	0	0	0	41	4.1
Mike Jones Jr.	9	0	0	0	0	40	40	4.4	27	0	0	0	0	40	40	1.5
Will Swinney	11	0	29	9	0	0	38	3.5	55	5	168	17	0	0	190	3.5
BOWMAN	2	32	0	0	0	0	32	16.0	2	32	0	0	0	0	32	16.0
Will Brown	8	0	27	0	0	0	27	3.4	16	0	35	16	0	0	51	3.2
Taisun Phommac	4	25	0	0	0	0	25	6.2	7	81	0	0	0	0	81	11.6
Drew Swinney	5	0	18	0	0	0	18	3.6	17	0	29	0	0	0	29	1.7
Malcolm Greene	11	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.7	11	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.7
Kane Patterson	11	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.7	24	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.3
Elijah Turner	11	0	0	7	0	0	7	0.6	23	0	0	7	0	0	7	0.3
Will Spiers	11	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.5	55	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-0.3
Jalyn Phillips	10	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.5	24	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.2
Jaelyn Lay	11	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.5	15	0	25	0	0	0	25	1.7
Mario Goodrich	7	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.7	34	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.1
Sylvester Mayers	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.7	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
Max May	8	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1	18	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1
Nyles Pinckney	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
Derion Kendrick	8	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-0.1	38	36	210	15	350	52	663	17.4
Josh Jackson	4	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.5	15	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.1
Hunter Helms	3	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-2.3	3	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-2.3
TEAM	11	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-1.7								
Total	11	1802	3782	123	393	118	6255	568.6								
Opponents	11	1098	2185	130	269	67	3749	340.8								

Field Goals	**att**	**good**	**long**	**blkd**	**att**	**good**	**long**	**blkd**
B.T. Potter	23	18	52	3	45	32	52	3
Total	23	18	52	3				
Opponents	16	11	54	1				

Punting	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**lg**	**blk**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**lg**	**blk**
Will Spiers	40	1742	43.5	64	1	224	9246	41.3	64	1
Aidan Swanson	3	131	43.7	50	1	5	189	37.8	50	1
TEAM	2	8	4.0	8	0					
Total	45	1881	41.8	64	2					
Opponents	71	3102	43.7	59	0					

Kickoffs	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**tb**	**ob**	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**tb**	**ob**
B.T. Potter	80	5127	64.1	70	0	294	18703	63.6	228	1
Jonathan Weitz	4	210	52.5	1	0	9	501	55.7	1	0
Aidan Swanson	4	249	62.2	0	1	8	503	62.9	2	1
Quinn Castner	1	65	65.0	1	0	1	65	65.0	1	0
Total	89	5651	63.5	72	1					
Opponents	41	2525	61.6	17	4					

2020 Clemson Football
Clemson Individual Season/Career Statistics (as of Dec 20, 2020)
All games

		SEASON											CAREER										
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk
10	Baylon Spector	11	32	30	62	9.5	3.5	.	1	1	1	.	41	60	54	114	16.5	5.5	.	1	3	2	.
24	Nolan Turner	11	36	16	52	6.0	.	3	2	.	.	.	54	102	42	144	11.5	1.0	6	13	.	1	.
98	Myles Murphy	11	16	22	38	10.5	4.0	.	.	.	3	.	11	16	22	38	10.5	4.0	.	.	.	3	.
18	Joseph Charleston	10	24	14	38	2.0	.	.	2	.	.	.	22	34	16	50	2.0	.	.	2	.	.	.
47	James Skalski	8	20	12	32	3.5	1.5	.	2	1	.	.	55	92	79	171	16.0	7.5	.	6	2	1	.
15	Jake Venables	9	16	15	31	5.5	2.5	.	1	.	1	.	26	32	32	64	15.0	4.0	.	1	.	1	.
22	Trenton Simpson	11	16	12	28	6.5	4.0	.	.	.	1	.	11	16	12	28	6.5	4.0	.	.	.	1	.
6	Mike Jones Jr.	9	12	13	25	4.0	0.5	1	2	.	1	.	27	24	22	46	8.0	0.5	1	3	.	2	.
23	Andrew Booth Jr.	10	18	6	24	2.5	1.0	2	4	1	.	.	23	21	7	28	2.5	1.0	2	4	1	.	.
5	K.J. Henry	11	12	8	20	6.0	3.5	.	2	1	.	.	30	23	26	49	12.5	5.5	.	5	2	.	.
36	Lannden Zanders	9	17	2	19	2.5	1.0	.	1	.	1	.	23	26	7	33	5.0	3.0	.	1	.	1	.
44	Nyles Pinckney	11	10	9	19	3.0	1.0	.	.	1	.	.	54	31	47	78	13.5	3.0	.	.	3	1	.
11	Bryan Bresee	11	9	9	18	4.0	3.0	.	2	.	1	1	11	9	9	18	4.0	3.0	.	2	.	1	1
1	Derion Kendrick	8	11	5	16	1.0	1.0	1	5	1	.	.	38	43	17	60	4.0	1.0	3	10	1	.	.
53	Regan Upshaw	9	6	10	16	3.5	2.5	.	1	.	.	.	35	12	14	26	3.5	2.5	.	1	.	.	.
26	Sheridan Jones	10	12	3	15	1.5	.	1	1	.	.	.	24	15	4	19	1.5	.	1	2	1	.	.
30	Keith Maguire	10	10	5	15	3.0	.	.	1	.	1	.	14	11	6	17	4.0	.	1	1	.	1	.
7	Justin Mascoll	11	7	8	15	4.5	2.0	.	.	1	.	.	27	14	15	29	5.5	2.0	.	.	1	.	.
12	Tyler Venables	11	9	5	14	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	9	5	14	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	LaVonta Bentley	11	10	4	14	4.5	3.5	.	.	.	1	.	15	14	4	18	4.5	3.5	.	.	.	1	.
1P	Kane Patterson	11	10	3	13	2.0	.	1	.	1	.	.	24	16	8	24	3.0	1.0	1	.	1	.	.
2	Fred Davis II	10	10	3	13	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.	10	10	3	13	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.
2G	Malcolm Greene	11	8	5	13	1.5	1.5	1	2	.	.	.	11	8	5	13	1.5	1.5	1	2	.	.	.
1T	Ray Thornton III	11	10	3	13	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	10	3	13	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jalyn Phillips	10	7	5	12	0.5	.	1	1	.	.	.	24	11	8	19	0.5	.	1	1	.	.	.
13	Tyler Davis	6	7	3	10	5.0	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	21	27	26	53	14.0	7.5	.	2	1	.	.
31	Mario Goodrich	7	4	6	10	0.0	.	2	1	1	.	.	34	11	13	24	0.5	.	3	6	1	.	.
3T	Xavier Thomas	7	5	4	9	4.0	3.5	.	.	.	1	.	47	35	36	71	22.5	9.0	.	4	1	2	.
20	LeAnthony Williams	10	8	1	9	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	28	14	3	17	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Jordan Williams	10	4	4	8	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	37	19	22	41	9.5	4.0	.	2	.	1	.
90	Darnell Jefferies	7	2	3	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	6	8	14	1.0	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
38	Elijah Turner	11	4	1	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	5	1	6	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2Y	Carson Donnelly	11	5	.	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	6	.	6	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Greg Williams	7	3	2	5	1.0	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	11	3	3	6	1.5	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tre Williams	2	3	1	4	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	1	4	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	DeMonte Capehart	4	2	1	3	2.0	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	1	3	2.0	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
14	Kevin Swint	9	1	2	3	0.5	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	9	1	2	3	0.5	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
84	Davis Allen	11	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	26	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Sergio Allen	5	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
9M	R.J. Mickens	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Cornell Powell	11	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	53	3	1	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
3S	Aidan Swanson	3	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	B.T. Potter	11	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	41	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2L	Frank Ladson Jr.	9	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Jack Maddox	11	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.
1N	Joseph Ngata	7	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Sage Ennis	4	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Matthew Maloney	3	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	James Edwards	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2S	Will Swinney	11	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	55	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
62	Cade Stewart	11	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	48	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
1S	Brannon Spector	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Etinosa Reuben	7	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Ruke Orhorhoro	3	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	2	2	4	1.5	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	11	408	261	669	103	44	13	33	9	12	1											
	Opponents	11	507	220	727	60	18	5	43	8	8	5											

TEAM BOWL RECORDS

CLEMSON

POINTS

Most:	49	vs. Louisiana Tech	2001 Humanitarian
Fewest:	0	vs. Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator
	0	vs. Louisiana State	1959 Sugar
	0	vs. Syracuse	1996 Gator

FIRST DOWNS

Most:	32	vs. Louisiana State	2012 Chick-fil-A
Fewest:	4	vs. Auburn	1998 Peach

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most:	576	vs. Ohio State	2014 Orange
Fewest:	146	vs. Auburn	1998 Peach

PLAYS

Most:	100	vs. Louisiana State	2012 Chick-fil-A
Fewest:	47	vs. Kentucky	2009 Music City

YARDS PER PLAY

Most:	7.7	vs. Alabama	2018 National Championship
Fewest:	2.7	vs. Alabama	2018 Sugar

CARRIES

Most:	64	vs. Louisiana State	1959 Sugar
Fewest:	25	vs. Kentucky	2006 Music City

RUSHING YARDS

Most:	312	vs. Oklahoma	2015 Orange
Fewest:	4	vs. Nebraska	2009 Gator

YARDS PER CARRY

Most:	7.1	vs. West Virginia	2012 Orange
Fewest:	0.2	vs. Nebraska	2009 Gator

PASSING ATTEMPTS

Most:	56	vs. Mississippi State	1999 Peach
	56	vs. Texas Tech	2002 Tangerine
Fewest:	4	vs. Boston College	1940 Cotton
	4	vs. Louisiana State	1959 Sugar

COMPLETIONS

Most:	36	vs. Louisiana State	2012 Chick-fil-A
Fewest:	2	vs. Boston College	1940 Cotton
	2	vs. Louisiana State	1959 Sugar

PASSING YARDS

Most:	405	vs. Alabama	2015 National Championship
Fewest:	23	vs. Louisiana State	1959 Sugar

PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

Most:	5	vs. Mississippi State	1999 Peach
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Highest:	77.5	vs. Ohio State	2014 Orange
Lowest:	30.0	vs. Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator
	30.0	vs. Louisiana State	1996 Peach

PUNTS

Most:	11	vs. Boston College	1940 Cotton
Fewest:	1	vs. Missouri	1949 Gator

PUNTING AVERAGE

Highest:	49.3	vs. Syracuse	1996 Gator
Lowest:	29.7	vs. Louisiana State	1959 Sugar

FUMBLES

Most:	5	vs. Boston College	1940 Cotton
	5	vs. Ohio State	1978 Gator
	5	vs. Minnesota	1985 Independence
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

FUMBLES LOST

Most:	3	vs. Minnesota	1985 Independence
	3	vs. Kentucky	2006 Music City
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

PENALTIES

Most:	15	vs. Ohio State	2014 Orange
Fewest:	0	vs. Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator

PENALTY YARDS

Most:	144	vs. Ohio State	2014 Orange
Fewest:	0	vs. Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator

TURNOVERS

Most:	6	vs. Mississippi State	1999 Peach
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

PUNT RETURNS

Most:	6	vs. many	
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

PUNT RETURN YARDS

Most:	81	vs. Nebraska	2009 Gator
Fewest:	-8	vs. Ohio State	1978 Gator

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most:	10	vs. West Virginia	2012 Orange
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

KICK RETURN YARDS

Most:	190	vs. West Virginia	2012 Orange
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

INTERCEPTIONS

Most:	4	vs. Miami (Fla.)	1951 Orange
	4	vs. TCU	1959 Bluebonnet
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

Most:	90	vs. Alabama	2018 National Championship
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

SACKS

Most:	6	vs. Louisiana State	2012 Chick-fil-A
	6	vs. Notre Dame	2018 Cotton
Fewest:	0	vs. many	

OPPONENT

POINTS

Most:	70	by West Virginia	2012 Orange
Fewest:	0	by Illinois	1991 Hall of Fame Bowl

FIRST DOWNS

Most:	31	by West Virginia	2012 Orange
Fewest:	5	by Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most:	628	by Louisiana State	2019 National Championship
Fewest:	124	by Colorado	2005 Champs Sports

PLAYS

Most:	90	by Auburn	2007 Chick-fil-A
Fewest:	46	by Miami (Fla.)	1951 Orange

YARDS PER PLAY

Most:	7.8	by Louisiana State	2019 National Championship
Fewest:	2.3	by Colorado	2005 Champs Sports

CARRIES

Most:	55	by Minnesota	1985 Independence
Fewest:	25	by Louisiana State	2012 Chick-fil-A

RUSHING YARDS

Most:	279	by Colorado	1957 Orange
Fewest:	17	by Colorado	2005 Champs Sports

YARDS PER CARRY

Most:	5.5	by Oklahoma	2014 Russell Athletic
Fewest:	0.6	by Colorado	2005 Champs Sports

PASSING ATTEMPTS

Most:	59	by Louisiana Tech	2001 Humanitarian
Fewest:	2	by Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator

COMPLETIONS

Most:	39	by Texas Tech	2002 Tangerine
Fewest:	2	by Miami (Fla.)	1952 Gator
	2	by Colorado	1957 Orange

PASSING YARDS

Most:	464	by Texas Tech	2002 Tangerine
Fewest:	27	by Colorado	1957 Orange

PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

Most:	4	by Miami (Fla.)	1951 Orange
	4	by TCU	1959 Bluebonnet
Fewest:	0	by many	

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Highest:	80.0	by Ohio State	1978 Gator
Lowest:	17.9	by Boston College	1940 Cotton

PUNTS

Most:	10	by Boston College	1940 Cotton
Fewest:	2	by Virginia Tech	2001 Gator
	2	by Alabama	2018 National Championship

PUNTING AVERAGE

Highest:	51.0	by Penn State	1988 Citrus
Lowest:	25.0	by Kentucky	2006 Music City

FUMBLES

Most:	8	by Colorado	1957 Orange
Fewest:	0	by many	

FUMBLES LOST

Most:	3	by Colorado	1957 Orange
	3	by West Virginia	1989 Gator
Fewest:	0	by many	

PENALTIES

Most:	21	by Mississippi State	1999 Peach
Fewest:	2	by Virginia Tech	2001 Gator
	2	by Alabama	2018 Sugar

PENALTY YARDS

Most:	188	by Mississippi State	1999 Peach
Fewest:	10	by Alabama	2018 Sugar

TURNOVERS

Most:	5	by Oklahoma	2014 Russell Athletic
Fewest:	0	by many	

PUNT RETURNS

Most:	6	by Texas Tech	2002 Tangerine
	6	by Nebraska	2009 Gator
Fewest:	0	by Missouri	1949 Gator
	0	by Minnesota	1985 Independence
	0	by Oklahoma	2014 Russell Athletic

PUNT RETURN YARDS

Most:	124	by California	1992 Citrus
Fewest:	-5	by Ohio State	2014 Orange

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most:	7	by Louisiana Tech	2001 Humanitarian
Fewest:	0	by Notre Dame	2018 Cotton
	0	by Ohio State	2019 Fiesta
	0	by Louisiana State	2019 National Championship

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

Most:	196	by Alabama	2015 National Championship
Fewest:	0	by Notre Dame	2018 Cotton
	0	by Ohio State	2019 Fiesta
	0	by Louisiana State	2019 National Championship

INTERCEPTIONS

Most:	5	by Mississippi State	1999 Peach
Fewest:	0	by many	

INDIVIDUAL BOWL RECORDS

CLEMSON

CARRIES
31 by Fred Cone vs. Miami (Fla.) 1951 Orange

RUSHING YARDS
151 by Raymond Priester vs. Louisiana State 1996 Peach

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
3 by Tracy Johnson vs. Penn State 1988 Citrus

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS
268 by Sammy Watkins vs. Ohio State 2014 Orange
(3 rushing, 227 receiving, 38 KOR)

LONGEST RUSH
83 by C.J. Spiller vs. Auburn 2007 Chick-fil-A

LONGEST SCORING RUSH
83 by C.J. Spiller vs. Auburn 2007 Chick-fil-A

PASSING ATTEMPTS
56 by Deshaun Watson vs. Alabama 2016 National Championship

COMPLETIONS
36 by Tajh Boyd vs. Louisiana State 2012 Chick-fil-A
36 by Deshaun Watson vs. Alabama 2016 National Championship

PASSING YARDS
420 by Deshaun Watson vs. Alabama 2016 National Championship

LONGEST PASS
74 by Trevor Lawrence vs. Alabama 2018 National Championship

LONGEST SCORING PASS
74 by Trevor Lawrence vs. Alabama 2018 National Championship

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
5 by Tajh Boyd vs. Ohio State 2014 Orange

PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED
4 by many

RECEPTIONS
16 by Sammy Watkins vs. Ohio State 2014 Orange

RECEIVING YARDS
227 by Sammy Watkins vs. Ohio State 2014 Orange

YARDS PER RECEPTION
25.5 by Justyn Ross vs. Alabama 2018 National Championship
Note: Minimum five receptions.

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS
2 by many

FIELD GOALS
3 by many

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
52 by B.T. Potter vs. Louisiana State 2019 National Championship

MOST BOWLS WITH A FIELD GOAL
5 by Greg Huegel
3 vs. Oklahoma 2015 Orange
2 vs. Alabama 2015 National Championship
1 vs. Ohio State 2016 Fiesta
1 vs. Notre Dame 2018 Cotton
1 vs. Alabama 2018 National Championship

PUNTS
10 by Kevin Laird vs. Louisiana State 1996 Peach

PUNTING AVERAGE
49.3 by Chris McInally vs. Syracuse 1996 Gator

LONGEST PUNT
67 by Banks McFadden vs. Boston College 1940 Cotton

PUNT RETURNS
6 by Billy Hair vs. Miami (Fla.) 1952 Gator

PUNT RETURN YARDS
73 by Billy Hair vs. Miami (Fla.) 1952 Gator

LONGEST PUNT RETURN
58 by Derrick Hamilton vs. Tennessee 2004 Peach

KICKOFF RETURNS
7 by Sammy Watkins vs. West Virginia 2012 Orange

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS
143 by Sammy Watkins vs. West Virginia 2012 Orange

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN
72 by Billy Hair vs. Miami (Fla.) 1952 Gator

INTERCEPTIONS
2 by Don Wade vs. Miami (Fla.) 1951 Orange

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS
86 by Van Smith vs. Ohio State 2016 Fiesta

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN
86 by Van Smith vs. Ohio State 2016 Fiesta

TACKLES
22 by Bubba Brown vs. Ohio State 1978 Gator

OPPONENT

CARRIES
36 by Derrick Henry of Alabama 2015 National Championship

RUSHING YARDS
174 by J.K. Dobbins of Ohio State 2019 Fiesta

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
3 by Lee Suggs of Virginia Tech 2001 Gator
3 by Derrick Henry of Alabama 2015 National Championship

LONGEST RUSH
68 by J.K. Dobbins of Ohio State 2019 Fiesta

LONGEST SCORING RUSH
68 by J.K. Dobbins of Ohio State 2019 Fiesta

PASSING ATTEMPTS
55 by Casey Clausen of Tennessee 2004 Peach

COMPLETIONS
32 by Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech 2002 Tangerine
32 by Geno Smith of West Virginia 2012 Orange

PASSING YARDS
463 by Joe Burrow of Louisiana State 2019 National Championship

LONGEST PASS
78 by Bob Schneidenbach to Ed Lutes of Miami (Fla.) 1951 Orange

LONGEST SCORING PASS
70 by Andre' Woodson to DeMoreo Ford of Kentucky 2006 Music City

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
6 by Geno Smith of West Virginia 2012 Orange

RECEPTIONS
12 by Tavon Austin of West Virginia 2012 Orange

RECEIVING YARDS
221 by Ja'Marr Chase of Louisiana State 2019 National Championship

YARDS PER RECEPTION
41.6 by OJ Howard of Alabama 2015 National Championship
Note: Minimum five receptions.

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS
4 by Tavon Austin of West Virginia 2012 Orange

INTERCEPTIONS
4 by Jim Dooley of Miami (Fla.) 1952 Gator

FIELD GOALS
4 by Alex Henery of Nebraska 2009 Gator

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
52 by Jaret Holmes of Auburn 1998 Peach

BOWL RECORDS BY QUARTER

FIRST QUARTER POINTS
Clemson: 17 vs. West Virginia 2012 Orange
17 vs. Oklahoma 2014 Russell Athletic
Opponent: 20 by Syracuse 1996 Gator

SECOND QUARTER POINTS
Clemson: 20 vs. Stanford 1986 Gator
20 vs. Notre Dame 2018 Cotton
Opponent: 35 by West Virginia 2012 Orange

THIRD QUARTER POINTS
Clemson: 28 vs. Louisiana Tech 2001 Humanitarian
Opponent: 20 by Nebraska 2009 Gator

FOURTH QUARTER POINTS
Clemson: 21 vs. Alabama 2016 National Championship
Opponent: 24 by Alabama 2015 National Championship

FIRST QUARTER POINTS (BOTH TEAMS)
31 Clemson (17), West Virginia (14) 2012 Orange

SECOND QUARTER POINTS (BOTH TEAMS)
38 West Virginia (35), Clemson (3) 2012 Orange

THIRD QUARTER POINTS (BOTH TEAMS)
28 Clemson (28), Louisiana Tech (0) 2001 Humanitarian

FOURTH QUARTER POINTS (BOTH TEAMS)
40 Clemson (16), Alabama (24) 2015 National Championship

FIRST HALF POINTS (BOTH TEAMS)
69 West Virginia (49), Clemson (20) 2012 Orange

SECOND HALF POINTS (BOTH TEAMS)
57 Clemson (26), Alabama (31) 2015 National Championship

PUNT RETURN YARDS
124 by Brian Treggs of California 1992 Citrus

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN
95 by Kenyan Drake of Alabama 2015 National Championship

LONGEST PUNT RETURN
72 by Brian Treggs of California 1992 Citrus

1940 COTTON BOWL

CLEMSON	**6**
BOSTON COLLEGE	**3**

JAN. 1, 1940
COTTON BOWL • DALLAS, TEXAS

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Jess Neely
Boston College: ..... Frank Leahy

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 8-1 ..... No. 12
Boston College: ..... 9-1 ..... No. 11

Jess Neely's last Clemson team won eight games in the regular season with just one loss to a Tulane team that would finish the season with an 8-1-1 record and No. 5 ranking by the Associated Press. The 8-1 Tigers were rewarded with an invitation to play Boston College in the fourth Cotton Bowl, but Clemson first had to get permission from the Southern Conference, which they immediately granted. The 1939 season not only resulted in Clemson's first bowl appearance, but also the Tigers' first, First-Team Associated Press All-American, Banks McFadden.

On the last play of the first quarter, Bru Trexler punted to Boston College's Charlie O'Rourke, who fielded the punt on the Clemson 40 and returned it to the 13. Two running plays lost 10 yards, but on third down Frank Davis gained six. Alex Lukachik then kicked a 34-yard field goal to put the Eagles up, 3-0.

Clemson's scoring drive began when McFadden returned a punt to the 33. Charlie Timmons rushed for 15 yards in two plays, and two plays after that, McFadden hit Wister Jackson with a 16-yard pass to the Eagle 20. Timmons ran the final 20 yards in three carries, but Shad Bryant missed the extra point.

Later in the quarter, a 51-yard punt by McFadden started Boston College at its 20. The Eagles fumbled on first down and Clemson's George Fritts recovered at the 24. The Tigers could do nothing with the gift, however, as Joe Blalock fumbled after a short pass.

The game turned into a defensive struggle in the second half, although Boston College did penetrate deep into Clemson territory on two occasions. The Eagles took the opening kickoff to the Clemson 19, but a holding penalty and an incomplete pass ended the threat and BC was forced to punt.

Late in the game, the Eagles drove to the Clemson 11 yard line, but Bryant and McFadden each broke up two passes and Clemson took over possession on downs.

McFadden effectively bottled up the Eagles other than those drives with his punting. His 44-yard average on 11 kicks, including two boots for 51 and 55 yards in the second half, prevented Boston College from getting good field position, and the Clemson defense made the 6-3 score stand.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**6**
Boston College	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**3**

BOC Lukachik 34 FG, 2nd
CU Timmons 2 run (Bryant kick failed), 2nd
Attendance - 20,000

Team Statistics	**CU**	**BOC**
First Downs	11	9
Rushes-Yards	47-204	37-102
Passing Yards	35	75
Passes	2-4-1	4-23-1
Total Offense	239	177
Punts	11-44.0	10-42.0
Turnovers	4	3

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Timmons 27-115-1, Bryant 14-56, McFadden 6-33
BOC Ananis 11-43, O'Rourke 8-41

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU McFadden 2-3-35-0-0, Blalock 0-1-0-1-0
BOC Toczlowski 4-23-73-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards)
CU Blalock 1-19, Jackson 1-16

1949 GATOR BOWL

CLEMSON	**24**
MISSOURI	**23**

JAN. 1, 1949
GATOR BOWL • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Frank Howard
Missouri: ..... Don Faurot

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-0 ..... No. 11
Missouri: ..... 8-2 ..... NR

Clemson opened the 1948 season with a 53-0 shutout of Presbyterian College in the Tigers' first-ever night home game and they closed the regular season with a 20-0 blanking of The Citadel in the first game played at the Bulldogs' Johnson Hagood Stadium. In between, the Tigers shut out three more opponents and beat five others on the way to a 10-0 record, a No. 11 ranking in the polls and an invitation to play Missouri in the fourth Gator Bowl.

Clemson kicked off, but three plays later Missouri fumbled and Clemson's Bob Martin recovered at the 19. A pass interference call gave Clemson the ball at the one, and Fred Cone scored from there. Jack Miller added the point.

Ray Mathews recovered a Missouri fumble later in the quarter to give Clemson the ball at its 35. Mathews took the next play for 26 yards and five plays later Bobby Gage passed to Martin for 19 more. Cone scored for the second time from the one, and Miller's conversion gave the Southern Conference champs a 14-0 lead.

After a kickoff, Missouri launched an 80-yard drive to score its first touchdown. Harold Entsminger capped the 13-play march with a quarterback sneak.

Gage was intercepted on the next Clemson drive and Wilbur Volz returned the theft to the Missouri 46. Missouri kept the ball on the ground and Entsminger carried over from the one for the score. Dawson added his second point after and the game was tied up at 14.

Clemson took the second-half kickoff and used up six minutes of clock on the way to its third touchdown. Gage ran and passed for 19 yards on two separate plays and the Tigers scored on a flea-flicker pass from Cone to Gage to John Poulos. Miller completed the 80-yard drive with his third PAT.

A Missouri punt rolled dead at the Clemson one, and after an incomplete pass, Gage threw a pass that hit the ground in the endzone and was ruled a safety. Clemson's lead was then cut to 21-16.

Clemson then launched an 11-play surge to the Missouri 12. Miller kicked a 32-yard field goal that would prove to be the winning points.

Dave Ashley returned the kickoff to the Missouri 40, and seven plays later, Richard Braznell passed to Kenneth Bounds for a 20-yard touchdown. Dawson added the point to bring Missouri within one point with five minutes left. Clemson took the kickoff and ran out the clock to preserve the win.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**14**	**0**	**7**	**3**	**24**
Missouri	**0**	**14**	**2**	**7**	**23**

CU Cone 1 run (Miller kick), 1st
CU Cone 1 run (Miller kick), 1st
MIZ Entsminger 2 run (Dawson kick), 2nd
MIZ Entsminger 1 run (Dawson kick), 2nd
CU Poulos 9 pass from Gage (Miller kick), 3rd
MIZ Safety (Gage pass grounded in endzone), 3rd
CU Miller 32 FG, 4th
MIZ Bounds 20 pass from Braznell (Dawson kick), 4th
Attendance - 35,273

Team Statistics	**CU**	**MIZ**
First Downs	19	16
Rushes-Yards	42-186	52-225
Passing Yards	112	73
Passes	10-23-1	4-8-0
Total Offense	298	298
Punts	1-35.0	3-31.0

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Mathews 11-73, Cone 14-72-2, Gage 15-25
MIZ Entsminger 17-77-2, Carras 12-73, Braznell 15-37

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Gage 10-23-112-1-1
MIZ Braznell 2-2-57-0-1, Entsminger 2-6-16-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Thompson 4-48, Poulos 3-28-1, Martin 1-19
MIZ Bounds 2-57-1, Sheehan 1-8, Wren 1-8

1951 ORANGE BOWL

CLEMSON	15
MIAMI (FLA.)	14

JAN. 1, 1951
ORANGE BOWL • MIAMI, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Frank Howard
Miami:.....Andy Gustafson

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....8-0-1 ..... No. 10
Miami:.....9-0-1 ..... No. 15

Clemson's bid for a repeat of the 1948 perfect season ended when the Tigers had to rely on the toe of Charlie Radcliff to tie South Carolina after three season-opening shutouts. Clemson regrouped, however, with a 13-12 win at Wake Forest and then won the remaining four games by convincing margins. The Tigers' 8-0-1 mark and second-place finish in the Southern Conference earned them a bid to play Miami (Fla.), who was also undefeated at 9-0-1, in the 17th Orange Bowl.

After a scoreless first quarter, Clemson got on track with a 45-yard pass from Billy Hair to Bob Hudson that put the Tigers at the Miami one. Fred Cone capped the 76-yard drive with a sweep for the score and Radcliff tacked on the extra point.

Clemson mounted a six-play, 70-yard drive in the third quarter for its second touchdown. Hair threw a 31-yard pass to Ray Mathews, who, as the papers said, "made a circus catch with two men on his back," to move the Tigers to the Miami 28. Hair tossed a pass to Glenn Smith at the Miami seven and Smith scrambled in for the score.

Miami caught fire two minutes later when Jack Delbello intercepted a pass in the Clemson endzone and returned it to the 40, and then a 10-yard penalty was assessed the Tigers for unnecessary roughness. On the next play, Frank Smith ran a reverse for 45 yards to move to the Clemson five. Harry Mallios took a pitch from quarterback Bob Schneidenbach in for the score and Gordon Watson added the conversion.

Miami drove 95 yards in just five plays for its second score of the game. Ed Lutes caught a pass at midfield and rambled down to the Clemson 17 before he was stopped. On fourth down, Jack Hackett threw to Frank Smith for the score and Watson's point put Miami in the lead for the first time, 14-13.

Mallios' 80-yard punt return was called back and two clipping infractions along with one unnecessary roughness penalty put Miami in a deep hole with six minutes left in the game. Frank Smith took a pitch-out from Hackett, but before Smith could get out of the endzone, Sterling Smith, a second-team defensive guard for Clemson, tripped him up for a safety, and Clemson led 15-14. Don Wade ended the last Miami threat with an interception, his second of the game, and Clemson ran out the clock.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**7**	**6**	**2**	**15**
Miami (Fla.)	**0**	**0**	**14**	**0**	**14**

CU	Cone 1 run (Radcliff kick), 2nd
CU	G. Smith 21 pass from Hair (kick blocked), 3rd
MIA	Mallios 5 run (Watson kick), 3rd
MIA	F. Smith 17 pass from Hackett (Watson kick), 3rd
CU	TEAM safety (F. Smith tackled by Sterling Smith), 4th

Attendance - 65,181

Team Statistics	CU	MIA
First Downs	19	7
Rushes-Yards	57-152	31-122
Passing Yards	178	100
Passes	9-18-3	5-15-4
Total Offense	330	222
Punts	4-30.0	5-40.2
Turnovers	4	4

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Cone 31-81-1, Hair 10-48, Calvert 7-29
MIA F. Smith 15-87, Mallios 9-25-1, Czaplinski 2-6

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Hair 9-16-178-3-1, Calvert 0-1-0-0-0, Mathews 0-1-0-0-0
MIA Schneidenbach 3-9-78-3-0, Hackett 1-5-17-1-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU G. Smith 6-93-1, Mathews 2-39, Hudson 1-46
MIA F. Smith 2-19-1, Lutes 1-78, Mallios 1-(-2)

1952 GATOR BOWL

MIAMI (FLA.)	14
CLEMSON	0

JAN. 1, 1952
GATOR BOWL • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Frank Howard
Miami:.....Andy Gustafson

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....7-2 ..... No. 19
Miami:.....7-3 .....NR

Clemson won the first three games of the 1951 season as well as the last four. In between, however, the Tigers dropped games to Pacific and South Carolina on the road. The Gator Bowl Committee invited Clemson with its 7-2 record to play Miami (Fla.) in a rematch of the 1951 Orange Bowl, but the Southern Conference had decided to ban its teams from any bowl competition that season. Clemson and Maryland accepted bowl bids anyway, and were prohibited from playing any other conference team except each other the next year.

The Tigers opened the game with a bang as Billy Hair took Elmer Tremont's kickoff and returned it 72 yards to the Miami 26, but Clemson could only make six yards in four downs and the Tigers turned the ball over.

After an exchange of punts, Miami mounted an 82-yard drive to score the game's first touchdown. The drive was highlighted by quarterback Jack Hackett's only two passes of the game - a 15-yarder to Frank McDonald and a 40-yard throw to Ed Lutes. Two plays later, fullback Harry Mallios took the pitch and ran 11 yards for the score. Tremont added the extra point and Miami led 7-0.

Miami defensive back Jim Dooley intercepted the first of four passes to kill the Clemson drive at the Miami 15. His interception total is still an NCAA record for an individual in a bowl game. Clemson got the ball back after a punt, but on fourth down, defensive end Leo Martin blocked Hair's punt at the Clemson 32. Mallios converted twice on fourth down to keep the drive going, and he scored from two yards out. Tremont converted again and Miami had all the points it needed.

The Clemson defense turned stingy in the second half, as the Tigers did not allow Miami to penetrate their 35 and the Hurricanes did not gain another first down. Miami finished the game with just five first downs and 174 yards of total offense, yet won the game. The Clemson offense moved well, but a fumble at the Miami 18 and three Dooley interceptions inside the 20 kept Clemson off the scoreboard, as Miami handed the Tigers their first bowl loss in history.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Miami (Fla.)	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**14**

MIA	Mallios 11 run (Tremont kick), 1st
MIA	Mallios 2 run (Tremont kick), 2nd

Attendance - 37,208

Team Statistics	CU	MIA
First Downs	14	5
Rushes-Yards	44-145	50-119
Passing Yards	88	55
Passes	6-20-4	2-2-0
Total Offense	64-233	52-174
Punts	4-30.5	9-44.4
Turnovers	5	0

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Gressette 16-64, Hair 12-35, Shirley 7-33
MIA Mallios 20-50-2, Bow 13-33, Dooley 8-18

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Hair 6-20-88-4-0
MIA Hackett 2-2-55-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Smith 4-55, Kempson 1-31, Gressette 1-2
MIA Lutes 1-40, McDonald 1-15

1957 ORANGE BOWL

COLORADO	27
CLEMSON	21

JAN. 1, 1957
ORANGE BOWL • MIAMI, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Frank Howard
Colorado: ..... Dal Ward

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....7-1-2 ..... No. 19
Colorado: .....7-2-1 ..... No. 20

Clemson claimed its first Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 1956 on the strength of a 4-0-1 league mark. The Tigers were 7-1-2 overall and were a surprise choice to play in the 22nd Orange Bowl, as only three weeks before their selection, the Tigers had been shut out by Miami (21-0) in the same stadium. Colorado, which was 7-2-1 and the Big-Seven runner-up, was chosen as Clemson's opponent.

After a scoreless first quarter, Colorado got on track with a seven-play, 75-yard drive. The Buffaloes' catalyst was a 26-yard run by Bob Stransky that moved the ball to the Clemson 23. Four plays later, John "The Beast" Bayuk scored from the two. Ellwin Indorf added the point after.

Clemson came out of the lockerroom and marched 69 yards in 15 plays to score on Joel Wells's three-yard run. After a punt, Clemson moved to the 29 on Bob Spooner's two runs. Three plays later, Wells ran 58 yards on a counter trap off the belly series for the Tigers' second score. Bussey's point after made the score 20-14 Colorado.

Clemson recovered the onside kick, but the Tigers were forced to punt. Colorado then fumbled at its 11 and Tommy Sease recovered. Spooner, who had been the workhorse on the first scoring drive, carried the ball in from the one and with Bussey's third extra point, Clemson led for the first time at 21-20.

Although leading, Bussey attempted a second onside kick. Colorado recovered and marched 53 yards in eight plays to go ahead for good on Bayuk's one-yard plunge. Indorf kicked the extra point and the Buffaloes led 27-21. The two teams traded turnovers, and Colorado ran out the clock.

Frank Howard's threatened resignation during halftime inspired the comeback in the second half. "I told them I was going to resign if they didn't play better in the second half. I told them I didn't want to be associated with any team that played like that."

When Howard met Colorado Head Coach Dal Ward at midfield, Ward asked him what was the matter with his team. Howard said "I just don't know."

Later, Howard explained that his team refused to block in the first half, but in the second half, they got down to business. He had words of praise for John Bayuk, Colorado's fullback, and said he was as good as any fullback that Clemson had faced.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**0**	**14**	**7**	**21**
Colorado	**0**	**20**	**0**	**7**	**27**

COL Bayuk 2 run (Indorf kick), 2nd, 9:08
COL Dowler 6 run (Cook kick), 2nd, 6:53
COL Cook 26 run (Kick failed) 2nd, 4:02
CU Wells 3 run (Bussey kick), 3rd, 6:07
CU Wells 58 run (Bussey kick), 3rd, 0:27
CU Spooner 1 run (Bussey kick), 4th, 11:12
COL Bayuk 1 run (Indorf kick), 4th, 7:13
Attendance - 72,552

Team Statistics	CU	COL
First Downs	14	16
Rushes-Yards	60-217	52-279
Passing Yards	25	27
Passes	4-9-2	2-4-0
Total Offense	69-242	56-306

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Wells 18-125-2, Spooner 18-65-1, Hayes 9-28
COL Bayuk 23-121-2, Stransky 7-59, Dove 6-36

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Bussey 3-8-9-2-0, Turbeville 1-1-16-0-0
COL Morley 1-1-18-0-0, Stransky 1-1-0-0-0, Dowler 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Horne 2-(-7), Lawrence 1-16, W. Smith 1-16
COL Clark 1-18, Dowler 1-9

1959 SUGAR BOWL

LOUISIANA STATE	7
CLEMSON	0

JAN. 1, 1959
TULANE-SUGAR BOWL STADIUM • NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Frank Howard
Louisiana State: .....Paul Dietzel

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....8-2 ..... No. 12
Louisiana State: .....10-0 ..... No. 1

South Carolina, who had been shut out by Clemson the previous two years, scored 20 second half points to take a 26-6 win over Frank Howard's 1958 team. The only other blemish on the ACC Champions' 8-2 regular season record was a 13-0 loss at Georgia Tech. For their efforts, the Tigers were invited to play the nation's number-one team, Louisiana State, in the 25th Sugar Bowl.

Louisiana State drove deep into Clemson territory three times in the first half, but two fumbles and a thwarted fake field goal killed the drives. Clemson could do no better, though, as none of its first six drives went past midfield.

Clemson moved to the Louisiana State 27 yard line on its first drive of the second half, but a fumble gave the ball back to the other set of Tigers. On Clemson's next possession, Louisiana State got the break it had been looking for. On fourth down, the ball slipped out of snapper Paul Snyder's hands and hit up-man Doug Cline in the leg and Duane Leopard recovered for Louisiana State at the Clemson 11.

Louisiana State picked up two yards on its first three tries, but on fourth down halfback Billy Cannon hit tight end Mickey Mangham in the corner of the endzone for the only score of the game. Cannon kicked the extra point and Louisiana State led 7-0.

Clemson had one last chance late in the fourth quarter. The Tigers started at their 17 and 17 plays later were on the Louisiana State 28, but Harvey White's fourth-down pass to George Usry was incomplete. Louisiana State took over on downs and ran out the clock.

In his usual relaxed way, Coach Frank Howard of Clemson said he was pleased with his team.

"Hell! I think we'd have beat them if that boy had held onto that little screen pass," Howard said. "I was going for those two points and beat them. I didn't think we would hold them to one touchdown, but I didn't think they would shut us out, either.

"Louisiana State has a good team, they rate the No. 1 spot in the nation. Cannon is quite a boy. Deserves his All-American rating."

"It was a wonderful victory. They're just as fine when you win 'em, 7-0 as 30-0. I'm very happy that we won," said Louisiana State Coach Paul Dietzel, who won the national championship at age 34.

"Clemson proved tougher than most people figured. But we knew we would have to play at our top peak to beat them. They were a good team."

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Louisiana State	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**7**

LSU Mangham 9 pass from Cannon (Cannon kick), 3rd, 2:31
Attendance - 82,000

Team Statistics	CU	LSU
First Downs	12	9
Rushes-Yards	64-168	37-114
Passing Yards	23	68
Passes	2-4-0	4-11-0
Total Offense	68-191	48-182
Punts	6-32.8	6-41.7

Rushing (Car-Yds)
CU Hayes 17-55, Usry 10-29, Morgan 10-28
LSU Cannon 13-51, Davis 2-17, Purvis 3-13, Broadnax 3-17

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Shingler 1-1-12-0-0, White 1-3-11-0-0
LSU Rabb 2-7-33-0-0, Matherne 1-3-26-0-0, Cannon 1-1-9-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Cox 1-12, Anderson 1-11
LSU Mangham 2-33-1, McClain 1-26, Cannon 1-9

1959 BLUEBONNET BOWL

CLEMSON	**23**
TCU	**7**

DEC. 19, 1959
RICE STADIUM • HOUSTON, TEXAS

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Frank Howard
TCU: ..... Abe Martin

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....8-2 ..... No. 11
TCU: .....8-2 ..... No. 7

The 1959 season was one of firsts, lasts and other milestones. Clemson won the last "Big Thursday" game with archrival South Carolina, 27-0, one of five opponents theTigers would whitewash, the second-highest shutout total in a Clemson season. The 9-2 team was Clemson's third ACC Championship unit and Frank Howard's last bowl team.

After the season-ending win over Furman, Clemson was invited to play TCU in the inaugural Bluebonnet Bowl, which would be the Tigers' second post-season appearance in the calendar year of 1959. The 23-7 win over the Horned Frogs was Clemson's 300th football victory.

Alternate quarterback Lowndes Shingler guided Clemson on a 12-play, 63-yard drive to the TCU five yard line, but the Tigers' drive stalled. Lon Armstrong hit on a 22-yard field goal as the second quarter started to put Clemson ahead 3-0.

Not to be outdone, TCU second-stringer Donald George moved his team on a 12-play, 63-yard drive to the endzone. The Horned Frogs scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 19-yard halfback pass from Jack Reding to Harry Moreland.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Clemson did drive to the TCU 29 midway through the quarter. Harvey White's fourth-down pass to George Usry was just one yard short of the needed first down and TCU took over.

Clemson got pass-happy in the final 15 minutes and scored two touchdowns for a comfortable lead. With a third-and-18 situation at its own 32, White threw to Gary Barnes, who caught the ball at midfield and sprinted in for a score. After an interception, Shingler threw to Tommy King coming across the middle for a 23-yard touchdown, but Shingler's point after was wide, and Clemson led 16-7.

Clemson returned to its running game for its final scoring drive late in the quarter. Shingler, Doug Daigneault and Ron Scrudato moved the Tigers from their 37 to the TCU one and Scrudato ran off right tackle for six. Armstrong's kick put the game out of TCU's reach.

The win over the No. 7 Horned Frogs was the highest-ranked bowl win in Tiger history at the time.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**3**	**0**	**20**	**23**
TCU	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**7**

CU	Armstrong 22 FG, 2nd
TCU	Moreland 19 pass from Reding (Dodson kick), 2nd
CU	Barnes 68 pass from White (Armstrong kick), 4th
CU	King 23 pass from Shingler (kick failed), 4th
CU	Scrudato 1 run (Armstrong kick), 4th

Attendance - 55,000

Team Statistics	CU	TCU
First Downs	16	12
Rushes-Yards	54-203	39-89
Passing Yards	103	70
Passes	6-13-1	7-17-4
Total Offense	67-306	56-159
Punts	3-37.0	5-32.0
Turnovers	2	4

Rushing (Car-Yds)
CU Shingler 3-65, Daigneault 12-50, Cline 9-33
TCU Spikes 11-33, Harris 8-29, Moreland 7-18

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU White 4-9-69-1-1, Shingler 2-4-34-0-1
TCU Reding 1-2-19-0-1, George 3-7-37-2-0, Dawson 2-4-4-1-0, Sledge 1-3-10-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Usry 2-5, Barnes 1-68-1, King 1-23-1
TCU Moreland 2-37-1, Harris 2-17, Meyer 1-14

1977 GATOR BOWL

PITTSBURGH	**34**
CLEMSON	**3**

DEC. 30, 1977
GATOR BOWL • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: .....Charley Pell
Pittsburgh:.....Jackie Sherrill

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....8-2-1 ..... No. 11
Pittsburgh:.....8-2-1 ..... No. 10

Clemson resurfaced in the national spotlight in 1977 after winning eight games and making its first bowl appearance in 18 years. First-year coach Charley Pell guided his team to a 7-6 win at Georgia, a near-upset of eventual National Champion Notre Dame at home, and came within an extra point of claiming the ACC Championship. After Jerry Butler's twisting, diving catch in the endzone beat South Carolina, Clemson accepted the invitation to play defending National Champion Pittsburgh in the 33rd annual Gator Bowl.

Clemson won the opening coin toss, but that was to be the only thing the Tigers would win that night as the Matt Cavanaugh-led Panthers scored six of the 12 times they had the ball, set seven Gator Bowl records and handed the Tigers one of their 25 worst defeats in history with a 34-3 score.

Cavanaugh threw four touchdown passes (three to fullback Elliott Walker), passed for a Clemson opponent record 387 yards and accounted for 402 yards in total offense. Pitt set a Gator Bowl team record for passing yards and first downs, while Cavanaugh set the individual mark for passing yardage. If that was not enough, the Pittsburgh defense stymied the Clemson offense all night by keeping Steve Fuller & Company bottled up or causing turnovers when the Tigers' offense did get on track.

Pittsburgh was leading 17-0 when the Tigers began their only scoring drive early in the second quarter. Fuller mixed passes to Anthony King and Butler with runs by Ken Callicutt to move to the Pittsburgh 32. The drive bogged down and Obed Ariri hit on a 49-yard field goal which set the Gator Bowl record for distance.

Fuller led Clemson on offense with 192 yards. He had been named ACC Player-of-the-Year as a junior. Randy Scott (13), Mark Heniford (13) and Bubba Brown led the Tiger defense with double-figure tackle totals.

Although the Tigers were out-classed by the Panthers, the 1977 appearance in the Gator Bowl was the start of a new era of football pride for Clemson.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**3**
Pittsburgh	**10**	**7**	**7**	**10**	**34**

PIT	E. Walker 39 pass from Cavanaugh (Schubert kick), 1st, 11:50
PIT	Schubert 24 FG, 1st, 1:07
PIT	E. Walker 10 pass from Cavanaugh (Schubert kick), 2nd, 12:04
CU	Ariri 49 FG, 2nd, 10:05
PIT	Jones 10 pass from Cavanaugh (Schubert kick), 3rd, 4:29
PIT	Schubert 21 FG, 4th, 14:52
PIT	E. Walker 25 pass from Cavanaugh (Trout kick), 4th, 8:02

Attendance - 72,289

Team Statistics	CU	PIT
First Downs	14	30
Rushes-Yards	36-110	51-179
Passing Yards	158	387
Passes	10-23-4	23-37-1
Total Offense	59-268	88-566
Punts	4-33.3	3-43.5
Turnovers	4	2

Rushing (Car-Yds)
CU Fuller 13-34, Callicutt 7-32, Perry 4-22
PIT E. Walker 15-53, Hawkins 2-43, Heath 3-23

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Fuller 10-23-158-4-0
PIT Cavanaugh 23-36-387-0-4, Heath 0-1-0-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Butler 4-64, King 3-30, Weddington 2-57
PIT Jones 10-163-1, E. Walker 6-121-3, Reutersham 5-74

1978 GATOR BOWL

CLEMSON	17
OHIO STATE	15

DEC. 29, 1978
GATOR BOWL • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Danny Ford
Ohio State: ..... Woody Hayes

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 10-1 ..... No. 7
Ohio State: ..... 7-3-1 ..... No. 20

Danny Ford made his Clemson debut as head coach in grand style with a 17-15 victory over Ohio State and coaching legend Woody Hayes to close the 1978 season. The victory gave the Tigers an 11-1 final record, tying the school record (at the time) for victories in a season. With the win, Clemson finished tied for No. 6 in the coaches poll and No. 6 by AP.

Ford had been named head coach of the Tigers on December 10 after Charley Pell resigned as head coach to take the same position with the Florida program. Ford was just 30 years old at the time, the youngest head coach in the nation.

While Clemson had a young coach on the sideline, it had an old quarterback by college standards on the field. Steve Fuller, a third-team All-American and first-team Academic All-American, was in his fourth year as a starter and ran the offense efficiently. He ran a Tiger offense that had just one turnover in 80 plays.

Fuller engineered a 15-play, 80-yard drive and finished it off with a four-yard run to give Clemson a 7-3 lead in the second quarter. Ohio State freshman Art Schlichter guided the Buckeyes to a touchdown drive with just 1:21 left in the first half, but the extra point was blocked, making the score 9-7.

The Tigers drove downfield behind some Fuller passes to the Ohio State 30 and Obed Ariri kicked a 47-yard field goal to put Clemson up 10-9 at halftime.

Clemson scored the only points of the third quarter on a one-yard run by freshman Cliff Austin. It completed an 83-yard drive that took 18 plays.

With 8:11 left and Clemson holding a 17-9 lead, Schlichter scored his second touchdown of the game to bring Ohio State to within two points. Ohio State went for two, but Jim Stuckey tackled Schlichter on a quarterback sweep to prevent the score.

Ohio State got the ball back after a failed Tiger drive. Faced with a third-and-five at the Clemson 24, second-team middle guard Charlie Bauman intercepted Schlichter when he dropped into coverage. It was the only interception of Bauman's four-year career and the only turnover of the night for the Buckeye offense.

On the return, Bauman was run out-of-bounds in front of the Ohio State bench. There was a scuffle that involved Hayes, and consecutive unsportsmanlike conduct penalties were called on Ohio State, giving Clemson excellent field position. Clemson ran out the clock, giving the Tigers their first win over a Big Ten school.

Bubba Brown was the star of the Clemson defense with 22 tackles. Randy Scott added 16 tackles and Jim Stuckey had 11 to key the Clemson defense.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**10**	**7**	**0**	**17**
Ohio State	**0**	**9**	**0**	**6**	**15**

OSU	Atha 27 FG, 2nd, 12:08
CU	Fuller 4 run (Ariri kick), 2nd, 5:03
OSU	Schlichter 4 run (kick blocked), 2nd, 1:21
CU	Ariri 47 FG, 2nd, 0:05
CU	Austin 1 run (Ariri kick), 3rd, 2:16
OSU	Schlichter 1 run (run failed), 4th, 8:11

Attendance - 72,011

Team Statistics	CU	OSU
First Downs	20	16
Rushes-Yards	60-207	44-150
Passing Yards	123	205
Passes	9-20-0	16-20-1
Total Offense	80-330	64-355
Punts	6-38.3	4-41.5

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Perry 14-54, Ratchford 10-54, Fuller 17-38-1
OSU Schlichter 18-70-2, Springs 10-42, Campbell 11-26

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Fuller 9-20-123-0-0
OSU Schlichter 16-20-205-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Butler 4-44, Tuttle 3-41, Clark 1-28
OSU Donley 3-44, Barwig 2-51, Hunter 2-49

1979 PEACH BOWL

BAYLOR	24
CLEMSON	18

DEC. 31, 1979
FULTON COUNTY STADIUM • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Danny Ford
Baylor: ..... Grant Teaff

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 8-3 ..... No. 18
Baylor: ..... 7-4 ..... No. 19

Clemson made its third consecutive bowl appearance in 1979 after an 8-3 season. The year included a 19-10 win over Gator Bowl-bound North Carolina and a dramatic, come-from-behind 16-10 victory at Notre Dame. The 1979 season was also Danny Ford's first full campaign as head coach.

The Tigers got on the board first with an eight-play, 66-yard drive highlighted by Billy Lott's 27-yard pass to Lester Brown. Brown scored two plays later on a one-yard dive over the middle and Obed Ariri's point after made the score 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

Baylor took the lead on two second-quarter touchdown passes from Mike Brannon to Bo Taylor and Robert Holt. Robert Bledsoe converted after both scores and the Southwest Conference representatives led 14-7 at intermission.

Clemson took the second half kickoff and a combination of runs by Lott, Brown and Tracy Perry took the Tigers to the Baylor 22. The drive stalled there and Ariri's 40-yard field goal narrowed the margin to 14-10.

Quarterback Mickey Elam led Baylor on a 64-yard field goal drive after the kickoff, and he later threw a seven-yard touchdown to Raymond Cockrell to push the Bears' lead to 24-10.

Mike Singletary (future All-Pro with the Chicago Bears), led the Baylor defense with 20 tackles. He was a major reason Clemson gained a season low 67 yards rushing in 51 attempts.

Andy Headen began Clemson's furious comeback with a blocked punt that was recovered by James Robinson at the Baylor one. Chuck McSwain scored with 20 seconds left in the game and Lott passed to Jeff McCall for the two-point conversion. Headen recovered the ensuing onside kick, and Lott completed a 30-yard pass to Perry Tuttle to move the Tigers to the Baylor 33. An interception killed the winning touchdown drive, however, and Baylor ran out the remaining seconds for the win.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**0**	**3**	**8**	**18**
Baylor	**0**	**14**	**10**	**0**	**24**

CU	L. Brown 1 run (Ariri kick), 1st, 6:04
BAY	Taylor 3 pass from Brannon (Bledsoe kick), 2nd, 14:55
BAY	Holt 24 pass from Brannon (Bledsoe kick), 2nd, 12:20
CU	Ariri 40 FG, 3rd, 10:36
BAY	Bledsoe 29 FG, 3rd, 8:17
BAY	Cockrell 7 pass from Elam (Bledsoe kick), 3rd, 3:43
CU	McSwain 1 run (McCall pass from Lott), 4th, 0:20

Attendance - 57,731

Team Statistics	CU	BAY
First Downs	20	11
Rushes-Yards	51-67	45-62
Passing Yards	213	172
Passes	17-34-3	8-17-0
Total Offense	85-280	62-234
Punts	9-31.5	9-40.7
Turnovers	3	2

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU L. Brown 25-76-1, Perry 5-28, M. Sims 3-15
BAY Abercrombie 12-32, Elam 7-13, Brannon 6-12

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Lott 17-34-213-3-0
BAY Elam 4-11-86-0-1, Brannon 4-6-86-0-2

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Tuttle 8-108, Gaillard 4-48, Brown 3-43
BAY Holt 2-52-1, Taylor 2-34-1, Abercrombie 1-63

1982 ORANGE BOWL

CLEMSON	22
NEBRASKA	15

JAN. 1, 1982
ORANGE BOWL • MIAMI, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Danny Ford
Nebraska: ..... Tom Osborne

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 11-0 ..... No. 1
Nebraska: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 4

After 86 years of playing football, Clemson claimed its first National Championship with a 22-15 win over perennial Big Eight power Nebraska in the 48th Orange Bowl. After a 13-3 win over 1980 National Champion Georgia at home, the Tigers worked their way to the number-one ranking in both wire service polls by season's end. The win over the Cornhuskers gave Clemson the national title and its third perfect season in history.

Nebraska took the kickoff, but three plays later, Tiger middle guard William Devane recovered a Mark Mauer fumble at the Nebraska 33. Quarterback Homer Jordan drove Clemson to the Nebraska 24 before the drive stalled, and Donald Igwebuike drilled a 41-yard field goal to put the ACC champions up 3-0.

Nebraska came right back, however, as it drove 69 yards to score on a 25-yard halfback pass from Mike Rozier to Anthony Steels. Kevin Seibel's extra point gave Nebraska the lead at 7-3 with 6:43 to go in the first quarter

After an exchange of punts, the Clemson offense moved from the Nebraska 42 yard line to the 21 to set up Igwebuike's second field goal. The 37-yard boot narrowed the score to 7-6.

A second-quarter Phil Bates fumble gave Clemson the ball at the Nebraska 27, and the running combination of Jordan, Kevin Mack and Cliff Austin moved the ball to the two. Austin, who had been stuck in a hotel elevator for two hours earlier in the day, scampered in for the score that gave Clemson the lead for good.

On its second possession of the second half, Clemson drove 75 yards to score its final touchdown of the night, a 13-yard pass from Jordan to All-American receiver Perry Tuttle in the corner of the endzone. It was Tuttle's eighth touchdown grab of the season, which set a school record. Bob Paulling's extra point put the Tigers ahead, 19-7.

After Billy Davis's 47-yard punt return, Jordan moved the Tigers to the 20, where Igwebuike kicked a 36-yard field goal, his third, to put Clemson ahead 22-7.

After a near-interception by Johnny Rembert, Mauer engineered an eight-play, 69-yard drive that was capped by a 26-yard run by Roger Craig. After a penalty, Craig ran in the two-point conversion from eight yards out to close the gap to 22-15 with nine minutes to play.

The Clemson defense shut down the Big Red on their final extended drive, then the offense held on to the ball for over five minutes to run down the clock to six seconds. Andy Headen deflected Mauer's desperation pass to preserve the win and the championship for Clemson.

Jeff Davis led the Tiger defense with 14 tackles in his final game. He also recovered a fumble, giving him a school-record eight for his career. Bill Smith added a career-high 10 tackles from his defensive end position.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**6**	**6**	**10**	**0**	**22**
Nebraska	**7**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**15**

CU	Igwebuike 41 FG, 1st, 11:39
NEB	Steels 25 pass from Rozier (Seibel kick), 1st, 6:43
CU	Igwebuike 37 FG, 1st, 1:03
CU	Austin 2 run (pass failed), 2nd, 3:56
CU	Tuttle 13 pass from Jordan (Paulling kick), 3rd, 6:12
CU	Igwebuike 36 FG, 3rd, 2:36
NEB	Craig 26 run (Craig run), 4th, 9:15

Attendance - 72,748

Team Statistics	CU	NEB
First Downs	17	13
Rushes-Yards	52-155	40-193
Passing Yards	134	63
Passes	11-22-1	6-17-0
Total Offense	74-289	57-256
Punts	4-45.8	6-43.0

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU McCall 12-48, Jordan 16-46, C. McSwain 12-24
NEB Craig 10-87-1, Rozier 15-75, Bates 6-24

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Jordan 11-22-134-1-1
NEB Mauer 5-15-38-0-0, Rozier 1-1-25-0-1, Fryar 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Tuttle 5-56-1, Gaillard 3-26, Magwood 1-42
NEB Steels 1-25-1, Brown 1-13, Rozier 1-11

1985 INDEPENDNCE BOWL

MINNESOTA	20
CLEMSON	13

DEC. 21, 1985
INDEPENDENCE STADIUM • SHREVEPORT, LA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Danny Ford
Minnesota: ..... John Gutekunst

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 6-5 ..... NR
Minnesota: ..... 6-5 ..... NR

Clemson met a Big Ten school for only the second time in history when it faced Minnesota in the Independence Bowl. It was an interesting matchup of teams that enjoyed moving the ball on the ground, as both clubs gained over 200 rushing yards in the contest. The team with the higher rushing total prevailed, a fact that was easily predictable, as the Gophers churned out 257 yards rushing in a 20-13 Minnesota win.

Minnesota was coached by John Gutekunst, who had taken over for Lou Holtz at the end of the regular season. Holtz had resigned in December to become head coach at Notre Dame.

Clemson held a 13-10 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but for the fifth time in the last 13 games the Tigers could not hold the fourth-quarter lead. Valdez Baylor scored on a one-yard run with 4:56 left to give Minnesota a final ledger of 7-5. Clemson mounted a final drive in the last few minutes and advanced to the Minnesota 31, but a fourth-down pass for Ray Williams was overthrown.

Ricky Foggie, a native of South Carolina, led the Golden Gophers with 183 yards of total offense.

Kenny Flowers had another outstanding day for the Tigers with a career high 148 yards, including a 32-yard run. It was his seventh 100-yard day of the year, his sixth century game in the last seven contests.

Ray Williams caught five passes for 58 yards, while Terrance Roulhac had 63 yards in receptions and 90 yards in kickoff returns. Another wide receiver, Keith Jennings, scored Clemson's only touchdown when he caught a three-yard pass from running back Stacey Driver in the third quarter.

Henry Walls led Clemson defensively with 13 tackles, while A.J. Johnson was outstanding in the secondary with seven stops. Dwayne Meadows established a career high with 13 stops from his defensive line position.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**6**	**7**	**0**	**13**
Minnesota	**3**	**7**	**0**	**10**	**20**

MIN	Lohmiller 22 FG, 1st, 9:02
MIN	Anderson 9 pass from Foggie (Lohmiller Kick), 2nd, 13:28
CU	Treadwell 39 FG, 2nd, 9:48
CU	Treadwell 21 FG, 2nd, 0:14
CU	Jennings 3 pass from Driver (Treadwell Kick), 3rd, 7:25
MIN	Lohmiller 19 FG, 4th, 10:45
MIN	Baylor 1 run (Lohmiller Kick), 4th, 4:56

Attendance - 42,800

Team Statistics	CU	MIN
First Downs	18	20
Rushes-Yards	48-211	55-257
Passing Yards	162	123
Passes	10-29-1	9-22-0
Total Offense	77-373	77-380

Rushing (Car-Yds)
CU Flowers 27-148, Driver 13-37, Ro. Williams 5-12
MIN Baylor 13-98, Puk 15-69, Foggie 18-60

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Ro. Williams 9-23-159-1-0, Driver 1-3-3-0-1, Anderson 0-2-0-0-0, Ra. Williams 0-1-0-0-0
MIN Foggie 9-22-123-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Ra. Williams 5-58, Jennings 3-41-1, Roulhac 2-63
MIN Anderson 4-34-1, Couch 2-41, Otto 2-31

1986 GATOR BOWL

CLEMSON	**27**
STANFORD	**21**

DEC. 27, 1986
GATOR BOWL • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: .....Danny Ford
Stanford: .....Jack Elway

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....7-2-2 .....NR
Stanford: .....8-3 ..... No. 20

Christmas came two days late for the Tigers as they won their first bowl since the 1982 Orange Bowl. After a brilliant first half display of offense and defense, Clemson managed to hold off a second-half Stanford rally and go on to defeat the 17th-ranked Cardinal, 27-21. Before a Gator Bowl crowd of 80,104, the Tigers scored 27 unanswered points in the first half and appeared to be on the way to a rout. But the second half was a different ball game as Stanford came out strong and put up 21 unanswered points of its own.

Gator Bowl MVP Rodney Williams completed 8-11 passes in the first half, but it was his execution of the option that helped Clemson gain a 27-0 halftime lead. After punting on their first possession, the Tigers scored on their next five. With the score 17-0 in the second quarter, Reggie Harris knocked the ball loose on a Stanford kickoff return and the Tigers recovered on Stanford's 16-yard line. Two plays later, Ray Williams took a reverse in for a 14-yard touchdown, his first of the season. David Treadwell added his longest field goal of the year (46) on Clemson's next possession, putting the Tigers up 27-0 at the intermission.

But the Cardinal came back from halftime a different team. Kodak All-American tailback Brad Muster rushed for a touchdown and caught two scoring passes while the Clemson offense came to a standstill. With 1:43 left to play in the game Clemson was forced to punt to the Cardinal with only a touchdown's lead. But the Tiger defense rose to the occasion, as Stanford gained only six yards on the next four downs. The offense fell on the ball to run the clock out and the Tigers emerged victorious.

Tailbacks Terrence Flagler and Kenny Flowers combined for 149 yards. Sophomore Ricardo Hooper led the receiving corps with two catches for 44 yards. Terrance Roulhac and Flagler each had three catches with 22 and 23 yards, respectively. Rodney Williams rushed 16 times for 18 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the Tigers were led by linebacker Henry Carter who recorded a career-high 13 tackles. Gene Beasley added seven tackles and broke up two passes. The game also marked Michael Dean Perry's offensive debut, as he was put in as a blocking back on a goal-line situation in the first half.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**27**
Stanford	**0**	**0**	**7**	**14**	**21**

CU	Lancaster 5 run (Treadwell kick), 1st, 5:29
CU	Ro. Williams 1 run (Treadwell kick), 2nd, 14:58
CU	Treadwell 22 FG, 2nd, 7:49
CU	Ra. Williams 14 run (Treadwell kick), 2nd, 6:53
CU	Treadwell 46 FG, 2nd, 0:49
STA	Muster 1 run (Sweeney kick), 3rd, 6:44
STA	Muster 13 pass from Ennis (Sweeney kick), 4th, 8:41
STA	Muster 37 pass from Ennis (Sweeney kick), 4th, 2:50

Attendance - 80,104

Team Statistics	CU	STA
Rushes-Yards	57-238	29-114
Passing Yards	135	168

Rushing (Car-Yds)
CU Flagler 12-82, Flowers 14-67, Lancaster 7-31-1, Johnson 7-26, Ro. Williams 16-18-1, Ra. Williams 1-14-1
STA Muster 17-70-1, Dillard 3-13, Morris 3-12, Ennis 5-11, Scott 1-8

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Ro. Williams 12-19-135-1-0
STA Ennis 20-40-168-1-2

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Flagler 3-25, Roulhac 3-22, Hooper 2-44, J. Riggs 2-23, Ra. Williams 1-11, Jennings 1-10
STA Muster 4-53-2, Snelsen 4-42, James 4-41, Dillard 3-8, Morris 3-6, Henley 2-18

1988 CITRUS BOWL

CLEMSON	**35**
PENN STATE	**10**

JAN. 1, 1988
CITRUS BOWL • ORLANDO, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: .....Danny Ford
Penn State:..... Joe Paterno

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: .....9-2 ..... No. 14
Penn State:.....8-3 ..... No. 20

Everything went the Tigers way in sunny Florida as Clemson soundly defeated Joe Paterno's Penn State team by the score of 35-10. It was the largest margin of defeat for a Joe Paterno-coached football team. Rodney Williams was selected the Citrus Bowl's Most Valuable Player as he led the Tigers in a brilliant air attack that took the Nittany Lions by complete surprise, and complemented it with a solid ground game.

The win was Danny Ford's fourth bowl victory in only nine seasons as Clemson's head coach. It also marked Rodney Williams' second bowl victory in his three-year playing career at Clemson and the second consecutive year that he was named the MVP of a postseason bowl. In 1986, Williams won the honor as the Tigers defeated Stanford in the Gator Bowl.

Williams, who was also named the Offensive Player-of-the-Game, completed 14 of 24 passes for 214 yards. His primary target was wide receiver Keith Jennings, who hauled in seven passes for 110 yards, his best career performance. Wideout Gary Cooper also added four receptions for 56 yards against Penn State.

The Tigers rushed for 285 yards against Penn State to go with the 214 yards passing. It was the first bowl game in which Clemson had at least 200 yards passing and 200 yards rushing. Terry Allen was the leading rusher with 105 yards and one touchdown. Fullback Tracy Johnson ran for 88 yards and three touchdowns. Joe Henderson added 54 yards on the ground and another touchdown.

Defensively, Clemson was led by cornerback James Lott's eight tackles. Safety Richard Smith also had seven tackles and one pass broken up. Strong safety Gene Beasley and linebacker Doug Brewster both had six tackles.

Linebacker Dorian Mariable was selected the Citrus Bowl's Defensive Player-of-the-Game with his five tackles, including one for a loss. He also intercepted a pass in the endzone and returned it 46 yards in the third quarter.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**35**
Penn State	**0**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**10**

CU	T. Johnson 7 run (Treadwell kick), 1st, 10:42
PSU	Alexander 39 pass from Knizner (Etze kick), 2nd, 12:51
CU	T. Johnson 6 run (Treadwell kick), 2nd, 9:14
PSU	Etze 27 FG, 3rd, 10:54
CU	T. Johnson 1 run (Treadwell kick), 3rd, 7:29
CU	Allen 25 run (Treadwell kick), 4th, 12:38
CU	Henderson 4 run (Treadwell kick), 4th, 0:25

Attendance - 53,152

Team Statistics	CU	PSU
Rushes-Yards	54-285	28-111
Passing Yards	214	194

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Allen 11-105-1,T. Johnson 18-88-3, Henderson 6-54-1, McFadden 12-38, Lancaster 1-4
PSU Thompson 6-55, Brown 13-51, Greene 4-6, Alexander 1-3, Bill 1-3

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Williams 15-24-214-0-0
PSU Knizner 13-22-148-2-1, Roberts 1-1-46-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Jennings 7-110, Cooper 4-56, Coley 1-19, Hooper 1-17, Pearman 1-8
PSU Timpson 4-81, , Thompson 3-19, Alexander 2-43-1, Brown 2-14, Mrosko 1-25

1989 CITRUS BOWL

CLEMSON	**13**
OKLAHOMA	**6**

JAN. 2, 1989
CITRUS BOWL • ORLANDO, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Danny Ford
Oklahoma: ..... Barry Switzer

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 14
Oklahoma: ..... 8-3 ..... No. 10

The Tigers rang in the New Year in fine fashion with a 13-6 victory over the Oklahoma Sooners, moving into the top-10 of the final AP poll for the first time since 1982 with a No. 9 ranking. The victory also gave Danny Ford a victory over the winningest active coach in Division I, Barry Switzer. Ford defeated the top-three winningest active coaches of the decade, with wins over Switzer, Tom Osborne (Nebraska) and Joe Paterno (Penn State).

Although the Tigers faced a wishbone offense for the first time since Ford became head coach, the Clemson defense came through with flying colors, holding the Sooners to only 116 yards, and no touchdowns on the ground.

The game was a defensive struggle, as the two teams failed to combine for 500 yards of total offense, The first five series of the first quarter ended in punts for both teams. Late in the quarter, the Sooners drove down to the Clemson one-yardline, and the Tigers defense faced a first-and-goal situation. Outside linebacker Levon Kirkland stopped the ballcarrier for no gain on first down. On second down Jesse Hatcher sacked Jamelle Holieway at the 19. After an incomplete pass, the Sooners were forced to settle for a field goal.

Doug Brewster intercepted a pass early in the second quarter to set up the Tigers' first score, a 20-yard field goal by Chris Gardocki. With time running out in the first half, Gardocki put the Tigers up with another kick, this time a 46-yarder.

A fumble in the third quarter gave the Sooners the opportunity to take the lead, but the Tiger defense held and R.D. Lashar hit again from 30 yards. The Tigers responded on the next series, driving 80 yards in 15 plays for the game's only touchdown, as Terry Allen scored on a four-yard run. Allen, the game's Most Valuable Player, rushed for 25 yards and caught two passes for 17 yards on the drive.

Defensive MVP Jesse Hatcher caused and recovered a fumble on the Sooners' next drive, but the Sooners would have one more opportunity to score. After a punt, Oklahoma drove from its own 20 to the Clemson 14, as Holieway put the Tiger secondary to the test by putting the ball in the air. On the last play of the game, freshman Dexter Davis knocked down a pass in the endzone to seal the Tiger victory.

Terry Allen was named MVP. Allen rushed for only 53 yards, his season low, but scored the game's only touchdown and caught four passes for 47 yards to lead all Tiger receivers.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**13**
Oklahoma	**3**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**6**

OKL Lasher 35 FG, 1st, 0:00
CU Gardocki 20 FG, 2nd, 7:10
CU Gardocki 46 FG, 2nd, 0:00
OKL Lashar 30 FG, 3rd, 2:17
CU Allen 4 run (Seyle kick), 4th, 10:28
Attendance - 53,571

Team Statistics	CU	OKL
First Downs	12	17
Rushes-Yards	48-187	43-116
Passing Yards	57	138
Passes	5-11-0	10-24-1
Total Offense	59-244	67-254
Punts	7-44.3	5-38.6
Turnovers	0	2

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU McFadden 9-55, Allen 17-53-1, T. Johnson 10-31, R. Williams 8-29, Henderson 3-10
OKL Perry 12-52, Gaddis 12-37, Holieway 15-17, Anderson 2-8, Stafford 2-2

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU R. Williams 5-11-57-0-0
OKL Holieway 10-24-138-1-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Allen 4-47, Hooper 1-10
OKL Ca. Cabbiness 3-78, Guess 2-25, Cooper 2-12, Stell 2-11, Ch. Cabbiness 1-12

1989 GATOR BOWL

CLEMSON	**27**
WEST VIRGINIA	**7**

DEC. 30, 1989
GATOR BOWL • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Danny Ford
West Virginia: ..... Don Nehlen

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 14
West Virginia: ..... 8-2-1 ..... No. 17

The Tigers closed out the 1989 season with a stylish victory over West Virginia and Heisman Trophy finalist Major Harris, as a dominant Clemson defense held the high-powered Mountaineer offense to only 237 yards in total offense. The win gave Clemson's senior class the ACC record for victories as they became the first class in conference history to record 38 wins and the first Clemson team ever to win four straight bowl games.

West Virginia quarterback Major Harris came into the game ranked eighth nationally in total offense and ninth in passing efficiency but the Clemson defense, led by outside linebacker Levon Kirkland, enabled the shifty Harris to gain only 17 yards on the ground and 119 yards in the air on an 11-21 passing effort. Kirkland was named MVP for his efforts, as he had nine tackles, a five-yard sack, caused a key fumble, broke up a Mountaineer pass and recorded three quarterback pressures.

The fourth quarter was all Clemson, as the Tigers moved the ball 47 yards on the ground to set up a four-yard Joe Henderson touchdown. Vince Taylor recovered a second Harris fumble and after a Clemson punt, freshman defensive tackle Chester McGlockton, the ACC sack leader, knocked the ball loose from Harris once again and fell on it in the endzone for a Tiger touchdown, upping the score to 24-7 in favor of Clemson. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, DeChane Cameron came in at quarterback for the Tigers and hit Rodney Fletcher over the middle for a 34-yard gain to set up a 24-yard Chris Gardocki field goal, putting the final score at 27-7.

Senior tailback Joe Henderson led the Tigers in rushing with 92 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown, while Chris Morocco, who was shaken up late in the game, gained 65 yards on the ground on 11 carries. Rodney Fletcher was the leading receiver as he pulled down three catches for 66 yards.

Chris Gardocki kept the Tigers in good field position, as he had a 46-yard average on four punts, including a long kick of 63.

Defensively, linebacker Doug Brewster led the team in tackles with 10, followed by Kirkland's nine and strong safety Arlington Nunn and inside linebacker Ed McDaniel, who had seven stops each.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**10**	**0**	**17**	**27**
West Virginia	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**

WVU Jett 12 pass from Harris (Carroll kick), 1st, 6:12
CU Gardocki 27 FG, 2nd, 13:42
CU McFadden 1 run (Gardocki kick), 2nd, 2:54
CU Henderson 4 run (Gardocki kick), 4th, 11:43
CU McGlockton recovered fumble (Gardocki kick), 4th, 8:08
CU Gardocki 24 FG, 4th, 3:16
Attendance - 82,911

Team Statistics	CU	WVU
Rushes-Yards	61-257	31-118
Passing Yards	91	119

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Henderson 22-92-1, Morocco 11-65, Kennedy 9-57, Lawrence 5-16, McFadden 8-12-1, Cameron 2-8, Bolin 1-6, Hall 1-3, Carr 1-3, Cooper 1-(-5)
WVU Ford 8-45, Napolean 6-24, Tyler 4-18, Harris 11-17, Hayes 1-10, Evans 1-4

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Morocco 5-9-57-0-0, Cameron 1-1-34-0-0, Davis 0-1-0-1-0
WVU Harris 11-21-119-1-1, Jones 0-4-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Fletcher 3-66, Cooper 2-15, Fields 1-10
WVU Rembert 4-57, Tyler 4-23, Dykes 2-27, Jett 1-12-1

1991 HALL OF FAME BOWL

CLEMSON	**30**
ILLINOIS	**0**

JAN. 1, 1991
TAMPA BOWL • TAMPA, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Ken Hatfield
Illinois: ..... John Mackovic

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 14
Illinois: ..... 8-3 ..... No. 18

After a separation of 22 years, two head coaches found themselves once again on the same football field. This time, they were on opposite sidelines. Ken Hatfield and John Mackovic, who had been graduate assistants together at Army in the 1960's, were reunited in the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl.

The Clemson defense dominated the line by holding Illinois to 247 yards, 150 yards under their season average. The Clemson offense surprised the Illini defense with an unexpected aerial assault. Tiger quarterback and game MVP DeChane Cameron, who was less than a 50 percent passer in the regular season, completed 14 of 19 passes for a Hall of Fame Bowl record 73 percent.

Cameron's passing yardage totalled 141 yards and he completed TD passes to Doug Thomas and Howard Hall. It was the first TD reception for both players in their respective careers. Thomas caught five passes on the day for 57 yards, career highs for both categories for the senior in his last game.

Clemson took its opening possession 71 yards to the Illinois two where Chris Gardocki tapped in any easy three. After Illinois fumbled on its first offensive play of the game, Clemson scored a touchdown with a 14-yard pass from Cameron to Thomas. Clemson had not scored a passing touchdown in any of its four previous bowl victories.

In the second quarter, the Tigers would score two more touchdowns. The first was the result of a 17-yard Cameron pass to fullback Howard Hall. It was just the third TD pass to a Clemson fullback in the last 18 years. Clemson then put the contest out of reach just three plays later when Arlington Nunn scored on a 34-yard interception return. It was the senior's third interception returned for a TD in 1990, a Clemson record.

The Tiger defense continued to hold Illinois throughout the remainder of the game. John Johnson led the Tiger pass defense, as he had two sacks to lead a point-prevention unit that had six sacks on the day. Illinois reached the Clemson eight-yard line in the fourth quarter, but the Tiger defense forced a fumble and Ed McDaniel picked up the ball. Illinois had the ball in Tiger territory just three times.

The Tiger defense earned its third shutout of the year. It was the first shutout at a Hall of Fame Bowl and Clemson's first bowl shutout in 17 bowls. The 30-0 triumph was a Tiger record for victory margin in a bowl game.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**10**	**14**	**3**	**3**	**30**
Illinois	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CU	Gardocki 18 FG, 1st, 7:18
CU	Thomas 14 pass from Cameron (Gardocki kick), 1st, 6:58
CU	Hall 17 pass from Cameron (Gardocki kick), 2nd, 10:31
CU	Nunn 34 interception return (Gardocki kick), 2nd, 9:38
CU	Gardocki 26 FG, 3rd, 5:00
CU	Gardocki 43 FG, 4th, 14:15

Attendance - 63,154

Team Statistics	CU	ILL
First Downs	18	14
Rushes-Yards	44-148	33-59
Passing Yards	157	185
Passes	16-23-0	18-36-2

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Cameron 17-76, Williams 14-27, Harris 3-20, Blunt 4-10, Moncrief 3-9, Hall 2-5
ILL Griffin 15-59, Feagin 5-28, Bell 3-14, Muti 1-3, Lester 2-2, Kinney 2-(-8), Verduzco 5-(-36)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Cameron 14-19-141-0-2, Moncrief 2-4-16-0-0
ILL Verduzco-13-25-121-2-0, Kinney 5-11-64-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Thomas 5-57-1, Smith 3-43, Witherspoon 2-7, Hall 1-17-1, Blunt 1-16, Ryans 1-12, Kennedy 1-4, Williams 1-1, Harris 1-0
ILL Wax 6-77, Muller 3-76, Finke 3-23, Griffin 2-11, Palma 1-4, Bell 1-1, Feagin 1-(-6)

1992 CITRUS BOWL

CALIFORNIA	**37**
CLEMSON	**13**

JAN. 1, 1992
CITRUS BOWL • ORLANDO, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Ken Hatfield
California: ..... Bruce Snyder

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-1-1 ..... No. 13
California: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 14

Clemson's bowl game victory streak ended at five as the Tigers left the state of Florida with their first bowl loss since 1985, and their worst defeat since 1986, when No. 14 California defeated No. 13 Clemson by a score of 37-13 in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

For the first time since the 1988 season, the Clemson defense, which led the nation in rushing defense in 1991, allowed an opposing running back to rush for over 100 yards, as California's Russell White crossed the century mark with 103 yards.

The Golden Bears scored early and often in the first half, taking the opening kickoff 76 yards for a touchdown and adding a 31-yard field goal on their third possession. Clemson was unable to gain a first down after the ensuing kickoff and was forced to punt. Although Chuck Lynch punted 49 yards, Brian Treggs eluded the Tiger special forces unit and went the distance for a 72-yard touchdown.

Treggs had 124 punt return yards, most ever against Clemson in a bowl game and one of the top opponent performances in any game.

Clemson got on the board for the first time with time running out in the first quarter as Nelson Welch connected on a 32-yard field goal on a drive highlighted by a 43-yard run by fullback Rudy Harris.

The highlight of the game for the Tigers came with just under five minutes remaining in the first half, as DeChane Cameron broke loose for a 62-yard touchodwn. That play marked the longest run from scrimmage for a Tiger quarterback in 13 years, but also marked the only touchdown that Clemson scored that afternoon.

The only score for Clemson in the second half was a 36-yard field goal by Welch in the third quarter.

The Tiger defense managed to hold California scoreless in the fourth quarter, but Clemson could not put up any points, as it turned the ball over three times on interceptions and once more on downs.

Two Tigers who were playing in their last game in a Clemson uniform were named team Most Valuable Players in the loss. Defensive tackle Chester McGlockton, who had six tackles for the game, including three tackles for loss and one-and-a-half sacks, was named the Tigers' defensive MVP, while quarterback DeChane Cameron was named Clemson's Most Valuable Offensive Performer, after he scored Clemson's only touchdown and had 189 yards in total offense.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**3**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**13**
California	**17**	**10**	**10**	**0**	**37**

CAL	Zomalt 1 run (Brien kick), 1st, 11:23
CAL	Brien 31 FG, 1st, 3:53
CAL	Treggs 72 punt return (Brien kick), 1st, 2:14
CU	Welch 32 FG, 1st, 0:00
CAL	White 2 run (Brien kick), 2nd, 6:26
CU	Cameron 62 run (Welch kick), 2nd, 4:48
CAL	Brien 33 FG, 2nd, 1:21
CU	Welch 36 FG, 3rd, 10:06
CAL	Brien 34 FG, 3rd, 6:04
CAL	Dawkins 23 pass from Pawlawski (Brien kick), 3rd, 3:48

Attendance - 64,192

Team Statistics	CU	CAL
Rushes-Yards	44-206	42-146
Passing Yards	123	230

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Harris 14-83, Cameron 12-66-1, Blunt 15-41
CAL White 22-103-1, Chapman 5-25, Mahlum 1-16

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Cameron 15-33-123-1-0, McLees 0-2-0-1-0
CAL Pawlawski 21-32-230-0-1, Klein 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Smith 7-71, Blunt 3-28, Witherspoon 3-9, Gibson 2-15
CAL Zomalt 6-41, Dawkins 5-55-1, White 3-39, Treggs 2-24, Caldwell 2-20, Chapman 1-36

1993 PEACH BOWL

CLEMSON	**14**
KENTUCKY	**13**

DEC. 31, 1993
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy West
Kentucky: ..... Bill Curry

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 6-5 ..... NR
Kentucky: ..... 6-5 ..... NR

Heading into the Peach Bowl with Kentucky, Clemson owned the seventh-best bowl winning percentage (61.1) in college football history. The Tigers upped that percentage in an exciting way, with a 14-13 win over Kentucky. Tommy West became the first coach in NCAA history to win his first game for a school in a bowl game without serving as a coach in that program in the regular season.

A tandem of running backs who hailed from Pensacola, Fla. led the Clemson rushing attack, as tailback Rodney Blunt rushed for a season-high 58 yards on 15 carries to lead the team. But it was freshman Emory Smith who was named the Tigers' offensive MVP, as he rambled for 45 yards, including a two-yard touchdown run.

After taking over at its own two, quarterback Dexter McCleon engineered a 98-yard scoring drive that culminated in a one-yard run by Emory Smith.

The Wildcats drove down the field on their next possession, this time reaching the Clemson one, where they decided to go for it on fourth down. The Tiger defense held again, as Brentson Buckner stopped the ball carrier for no gain. Buckner was named defensive MVP after tallying 12 tackles and three tackles for loss. He became just the fourth Tiger defensive lineman in the previous eight years to record at least 12 tackles in a game.

The Tigers were forced to punt after taking over at the one and Kentucky got on the scoreboard with a 17-yard field goal by Nicky Nickles. The score heading into the half stood at 7-3.

Neither squad scored in the third quarter, and barely into the fourth quarter, Kentucky took the lead with a 46-yard touchdown drive. After an interception, the Wilcats upped their lead to 13-7 on a 43 yard scoring drive, culminating in another field goal.

With time running down in the fourth quarter, quarterback Patrick Sapp came off the bench. The two teams exchanged punts before the Tigers got the ball at their own 18 with 3:50 left. On the first play of the drive, Sapp threw a screen to Emory Smith for 57 yards. With under a minute left, Kentucky linebacker Marty Moore intercepted Sapp's pass. But, on the return, Stacy Seegars jarred the ball loose and Brent LeJeune recovered. With 20 seconds left, Sapp connected with Terry Smith on a 21-yard score and Nelson Welch kicked the PAT for the win.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**14**
Kentucky	**0**	**3**	**0**	**10**	**13**

CU E. Smith 2 run (Welch kick), 1st, 2:45, 18-98
KEN Nickles 34 FG, 2nd, 7:17, 4-36
KEN Chatman 5 pass from Jones (Nickles kick), 4th, 12:48, 6-46
KEN Nickles 26 FG, 4th, 7:28, 7-43
CU T. Smith 21 pass from Sapp (Welch kick), 4th, 0:20, 10-82
Attendance - 63,416

Team Statistics	CU	KEN
First Downs	14	20
Rushes-Yards	46-119	34-139
Passing Yards	129	154
Passes	8-16-3	16-32-0
Total Offense	62-248	66-293

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Blunt 15-58, E. Smith 8-45-1, Witherspoon 5-17, Sapp 4-10, Franklin 5-8, McCleon 8-2, Team 1-(-21)
KEN Williams 13-58, Hood 8-36, Jones 8-19, Jordan 2-10, Riazzi 2-9, Rudolph 1-7

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU McCleon 3-7-20-2-0, Sapp 5-9-109-1-1
KEN Jones 16-32-154-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU T. Smith 4-56-1, Blunt 3-16, E. Smith 1-57
KEN Chatmon 3-27-1, Calvert 2-32, Wyatt 2-28, Williams 2-17, Rudolph 1-21, Samuels 1-14, Hood 1-8, Gordon 1-6, Browning 1-1

1996 GATOR BOWL

SYRACUSE	**41**
CLEMSON	**0**

JAN. 1, 1996
ALLTEL STADIUM • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy West
Syracuse: ..... Paul Pasqualoni

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 8-3 ..... No. 23
Syracuse: ..... 8-3 ..... NR

Clemson entered the 1996 Gator Bowl fresh off of five consecutive victories, including an emotional 38-17 win over arch-rival South Carolina. The Tigers had won six consecutive games away from Death Valley, but the streak ended there at the hands of Syracuse. The Orangemen handed Clemson its worst bowl defeat in its 20-game bowl history, 41-0.

In front of a rain-soaked crowd of mostly Tiger fans, freshman quarterback and future NFL star Donovan McNabb ran, passed and beat the Tiger defense. McNabb, the MVP of the Gator Bowl, was unstoppable, as he threw three touchdown passes and ran for another. He completed 13 of 23 passes for 309 yards. Wide receiver Marvin Harrison was on the other end of many McNabb passes as he grabbed seven for 173 yards.

Malcolm Thomas scored less than two minutes into the game on a one-yard run. On its next possession, McNabb led a 12-play, 62-yard drive that culminated in a McNabb five-yard keeper for six.

In the second quarter, the Orangemen defense thwarted Clemson's best scoring chance of the afternoon. After the Tigers had gone 53 yards down the field on 11 plays to Syracuse's six-yard-line, Clemson faced a crucial fourth-and-two situation. Clemson called a play-action pass that was incomplete, ending the drive on downs.

The homecoming for Jacksonville natives and childhood teammates Brian Dawkins and Patrick Sapp was bitter-sweet, although Sapp did register a sack for a nine-yard loss. The Tigers, who entered the game with the nation's fourth best rushing attack could only manage 90 yards on 34 attempts. The Orangemen held Raymond Priester, the ACC's leading rusher, to just 36 yards on 15 carries.

Syracuse added two more touchdowns in the third quarter to put the game well out of reach. After a 57-yard pass to Sir Mawn Wilson, Thomas ran two yards to the right for his second touchdown of the afternoon. Thomas rushed for 71 yards on 14 carries. Each team traded prodigious third quarter punts, including a 73-yard effort by Sean Reali. The two bright spots for Clemson were punter Chris McInally, who averaged 49.3 yards on six punts, and Brian Dawkins, who had a team-high 10 tackles. The Orangemen had their second one-play drive when McNabb connected with Harrison for a 56-yard score.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Syracuse	**20**	**0**	**14**	**7**	**41**

SYR Thomas 1 run (Mare kick), 1st, 13:11, 6-64
SYR McNabb 5 run (Mare kick blocked), 1st, 3:04, 12-62
SYR Harrison 38 pass from McNabb (Mare kick), 1st, 2:07, 1-38
SYR Thomas 2 run (Mare kick), 3rd, 11:43, 4-64
SYR Harrison 56 pass from McNabb (Mare kick), 3rd, 6:00, 1-56
SYR Sinceno 15 pass from McNabb (Mare kick), 4th, 14:51, 6-54
Attendance - 45,202

Team Statistics	CU	SYR
Rushes-Yards	34-90	50-158
Passing Yards	69	309

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Priester 15-36, Smith 6-30, Greene 8-16, Solomon 4-8, Downs 1-0
SYR Thomas 14-71-2, Downing 6-37, Jones 10-25, Konrad 6-24, R. Johnson 1-6, McNabb 8-5-1, Morris 1-4, Sparks 2-2, Harrison 1-1, Team 1-(-17)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Greene 9-19-63-2-0, Solomon 2-4-6-0-0, Wyatt 0-1-0-0-0
SYR McNabb 13-23-309-1-3

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Wyatt 3-21, Priester 2-16, Crooks 2-10, Smith 2-(-4), Horne 1-15, Woods 1-11
SYR Harrison 7-173-2, Wilson 2-70, Sinceno 2-47-1, Maddox 1-18, Williams 1-1

1996 PEACH BOWL

LOUISIANA STATE	**10**
CLEMSON	**7**

DEC. 28, 1996
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy West
Louisiana State: ..... Gerry DiNardo

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 7-4 ..... NR
Louisiana State: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 17

Raymond Priester set a Clemson Bowl record for rushing yardage with 151 yards gained during the 1996 Peach Bowl. On the defensive side of the ball, defensive lineman Trevor Pryce had three tackles for loss and one sack in addition to a caused fumble. Even with these fine accomplishments, Clemson still fell to the Louisiana State Tigers by a three-point margin, 10-7 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga.

Nealon Greene opened the scoring for Clemson on a three-yard run for a touchdown.

In addition to Priester's outstanding game, contributions to the running attack were also made by Emory Smith, who had nine carries for 40 yards. Smith, brother of NFL star Emmitt Smith, was playing in his second Peach Bowl, as he was vital in Clemson's victory over Kentucky in the 1993 Peach Bowl.

Clemson's sole touchdown drive lasted 1:29 and consisted of only three runs. The outstanding field position was achieved on a fumble recovery by Harold Means following a sack and caused fumble by Trevor Pryce.

Defensively, Clemson had five players contribute to a combined nine tackles for losses. These tackles for losses combined for a total loss of fifty-three yards of Louisiana State's offense.

Louisiana State scored its only touchdown of the game during the second quarter when Kevin Faulk ran three yards to a touchdown. The extra point by Richey was good and the game was tied 7-7. Louisiana State scored again during this quarter, with a 22-yard field goal by Richey to take the lead for good. Neither team scored in the second half, as both defenses dominated.

Clemson got the ball back with 2:29 remaining, but a 52-yard field goal attempt by Matt Padgett with 1:02 remaining in the game was blocked by Adam Roman and Louisiana State hung on for its second bowl victory over Clemson. The SEC Tigers also defeated Clemson 7-0 in the 1959 Sugar Bowl.

Time of possession was fairly even throughout the game, as Louisiana State led with 30:15 minutes versus Clemson's 29:45 minutes. Not only was time of possession even in this game, but also the total net yards gained (Clemson 258 - Louisiana State 287) and the average gain per play (4.2-4.5) were close as well.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**
Louisiana State	**0**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**10**

CU N. Greene 3 yard run (Padgett kick), 1st, 1:29, 3-9
LSU Faulk 3 yard run (Richey kick), 2nd, 2:21, 7-80
LSU Richey 22 yard field goal, 2nd, 4:01, 10-77
Attendance - 63,622

Team Statistics	CU	LSU
First Downs	12	17
Rushes-Yards	42-192	43-124
Passing Yards	66	163
Passes	20-6-0	21-14-0
Total Offense	258	287
Punts	10-38.2	7-42.3
Turnovers	1	1

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Priester 25-151, Smith 9-40, Dunnican 2-6, Wofford 1-5, Greene 5-(-10)-1
LSU Faulk 23-64-1, H. Tyler 12-38, Meacy 4-18, Cleveland 1-7, Taber 1-1

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Greene 6-20-66-0-0
LSU H. Tyler 14-21-163-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Smith 2-25, Woods 1-22, Crooks 1-9, Wofford 1-9, Hall 1-1
LSU LaFleur 4-63, Frazier 3-30, Savoie 2-40, Foster 2-20, Bates 1-7, Cleveland 1-4, Faulk 1-(-1)

1998 PEACH BOWL

AUBURN	**21**
CLEMSON	**17**

JAN. 2, 1998
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy West
Auburn: ..... Terry Bowden

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 7-4 ..... NR
Auburn: ..... 9-3 ..... No. 13

Behind the strength of the Auburn defense, Dameyune Craig was able to rally his offense in the fourth quarter enroute to a come from behind 21-17 victory over the Clemson Tigers at the Georgia Dome. Auburn's offense managed to score 15 points on three consecutive scoring drives to overcome an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Clemson got on the board midway through the second quarter with the help of the first of many great special teams plays. Jaret Holmes' punt was blocked by Rod Gardner and returned 18 yards by Chad Speck for a touchdown.

Auburn would answer the Clemson scoring strike on its very next drive. Offensive MVP Dameyune Craig led Auburn on a seven-play, 67-yard drive, that ended when Jaret Holmes converted on his second field goal.

With 5:18 left in the third quarter, Clemson's special teams stepped up big again when Rahim Abdullah blocked Holmes' punt and Mal Lawyer recovered the ball on the two. From there, Clemson's Terry Witherspoon ran the ball in from two yards out on first and goal to give the Tigers a 14-6 lead.

Auburn was forced to punt from inside its own 10-yard line the following possession. Tony Horne returned the punt 20 yards to the Auburn 26-yard line, giving the Tigers great field position. However, the Clemson offense failed to gain a first down. David Richardson connected on a 48-yard field goal, which gave Clemson a 17-6 advantage with 2:10 left in the third quarter.

Down 11 points, Craig rallied his team. He led the Tigers on a nine-play, 72-yard drive. The Auburn drive was capped off with a miraculous 22-yard touchdown run by Craig on a fourth-down play. Despite failing to convert the two-point conversion, Craig's run was a turning point for the Auburn offense and reduced Clemson's lead to 17-12.

Clemson was forced to punt on its next possession, giving the ball back to an Auburn offense that was finally clicking. Craig and his Tigers drove 49 yards in two minutes and 22 seconds, resulting in a Rusty Williams 7-yard touchdown run.

Following an interception, Auburn drove down to the Clemson five and Holmes converted on a 22-yard field goal, giving the Auburn Tigers a 21-17 lead. After Clemson lost the ball on downs, Auburn ran the remaining 2:30 off the clock.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**7**	**10**	**0**	**17**
Auburn	**3**	**3**	**0**	**15**	**21**

AUB Jaret Holmes 52 FG, 1st, 9:49, 8-35
CU Speck 18 punt block return, 2nd, 6:31
AUB Holmes 24 FG, 2nd, 4:15, 7-67
CU Witherspoon 2 run, 3rd, 5:15, 1-2
CU Richardson 48 FG, 3rd, 1:48, 4-(-5)
AUB Craig 22 run, 4th, 13:29, 9-72
AUB R. Williams 7 run, 4th, 8:45, 7-49
AUB Holmes 22 FG, 4th, 4:11, 7-54
Attendance - 71,212

Team Statistics	CU	AUB
Rushes-Yards	27-60	36-108
Passing Yards	86	258

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Priester 19-62, Austin 3-3, Witherspoon 1-1-1, Greene 4-(-7)
AUB Williams 18-71-1, Craig 9-26-1, Carter 4-7, Beasley 5-4

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Greene 11-25-86-1-0
AUB Craig 15-45-258-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Austin 3-32, Horne 2-10, Hall 2-6, Wofford 2-5, Gardner 1-27, Lawyer 1-6
AUB Bailey 4-119, Goodson 4-64, Poor 4-43, Lowe 1-8, Williams 1-3, Beasley 1-(-9)

1999 PEACH BOWL

MISSISSIPPI STATE 17
CLEMSON 7

DEC. 30, 1999
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Mississippi State: ..... Jackie Sherrill

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 6-5 ..... NR
Mississippi State: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 15

Wayne Madkin ran for a touchdown and threw for another in the fourth quarter to lead No. 15 Mississippi State to a 17-7 win in the Peach Bowl and a record crowd of 73,315. Clemson outgained the Bulldogs 391-265, but many Tiger drives stalled in Bulldog territory, as Mississippi State's defense, tops in the nation in yards allowed per game, thwarted the Tigers and forced six turnovers.

Despite the loss, Clemson's defense played one of its best games of the year, holding the Bulldogs (10-2) to just 3.7 yards per play. The defense also began many drives after Tiger turnovers in Clemson's own territory.

Clemson was led on offense by Brian Wofford, who had six catches for a team-season-high 147 yards, including four of 20 yards or more. Brandon Streeter threw for 301 yards on 24-50 passing. Freshman Bernard Rambert, who played most of the game after starting tailback Travis Zachery left the game early in the first quarter with a dislocated elbow, had 70 yards rushing on 18 carries.

Clemson looked to be in business when Streeter connected with Rod Gardner, who had seven catches for 75 yards, for 37 yards on the game's first play. But Fred Smoot intercepted Streeter's fourth-down pass. Clemson had another golden opportunity later in the opening quarter. Thanks in part to Wofford's 32-yard catch and run, Clemson drove 64 yards in 15 plays before Tony Lazzara's 25-yard field goal was blocked and returned into Tiger territory. The Clemson defense continually came up with stands. The teams went into halftime 0-0, the first scoreless tie at halftime for Clemson since 1988.

Scott Westerfield put the Bulldogs ahead 3-0 on the opening drive of the second half. After two screen passes that netted a total of 30 yards, Westerfield split the uprights from 39 yards.

The Bulldogs reached the endzone for the first time on their first possession of the fourth quarter. Madkin out-ran Keith Adams for a two-yard score. Their drive was twice extended on third-down plays in the red-zone by pass interference calls.

Clemson responded with an eight-play, 70-yard drive capped by Streeter's one-yard plunge to make the score 10-7. But Mississippi State came right back with a clinching touchdown-scoring drive, capped by Dontae Walker's 15-yard catch on a screen pass. Madkin's 21-yard completion to Matt Butler on third down was the critical play of the drive.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**7**
Mississippi State	**0**	**0**	**3**	**14**	**17**

MSU Westerfield 39 FG, 3rd, 12:39, 7-31
MSU Madkin 2 run (Westerfield kick), 4th, 11:40, 10-43
CU Streeter 1 run (Lazzara kick), 4th, 8:15, 8-70
MSU D. Walker 15 pass from Madkin (Westerfield kick), 4th, 4:31, 8-57
Attendance - 73,315

Team Statistics	CU	MSU
First Downs	24	16
Rushes-Yards	34-85	33-89
Passing Yards	306	176
Passes	25-56-5	17-38-0
Total Offense	90-391	71-265

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Rambert 18-70, Dantzler 9-8, Streeter 4-7-1, Wofford 1-5, Witherspoon 1-2, Zachery 1-(-7)
MSU Madkin 5-37-1, Miller 10-24, D. Walker 9-18, Rainey 3-14, Griffith 3-1, Gibson 1-0

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Streeter 24-50-301-4-0, Dantzler 1-6-5-1-0
MSU Madkin 17-38-176-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Gardner 7-75, Wofford 6-147, Lawyer 5-46, Cyrgalis 2-21, Rambert 2-8, Bailey 1-9, Seth 1-3, Reames 1-(-3)
MSU Miller 3-54, Sirmones 2-21, D. Walker 2-20, Griffith 2-14, McCaskey 2-9, M. Butler 1-21, Love 1-20, Huntington 1-6, Lee 1-5, Belcher 1-3

2001 GATOR BOWL

VIRGINIA TECH 41
CLEMSON 20

JAN. 1, 2001
ALLTEL STADIUM • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Virginia Tech: ..... Frank Beamer

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-2 ..... No. 16
Virginia Tech: ..... 10-1 ..... No. 6

Michael Vick rebounded from an ankle-injury to lead Virginia Tech to a victory in his final college game, a 41-20 win. The quarterback finished with two touchdowns while completing 10 of 18 passes for 205 yards. The contest was a battle of mobile quarterbacks, as Clemson's Woodrow Dantzler gained 261 yards of total offense for the afternoon.

The Hokies capitalized on early costly Tiger mistakes. The uncharacteristic play began on the first drive when snapper Henry Owen bounced his delivery to punter Jaime Somaini, who was tackled for an eight-yard loss by Lee Suggs. Tech scored on its first offensive play of the game when Vick threw to Jarrett Ferguson on a 23-yard touchdown play.

Later in the quarter, Terry Jolly jumped off-side to preserve an 11-play, 59-yard drive that ended in a six-yard touchdown run for Vick.

Clemson got back into the game, but at a heavy cost. Dantzler found Travis Zachery for a 23-yard touchdown early in the second quarter. However, Zachery's missed the rest of the game due to a broken foot that occurred as the tailback leaped into the endzone. On the play, Zachery also snapped Lester Brown's single-season Clemson record of 17 touchdowns in a season.

Two possessions later, Keith Adams sacked Vick for 18 yards, forcing a fumble that Terry Bryant recovered on the Hokie 13. Clemson had to settle for an Aaron Hunt field goal, bringing the Tigers to within 14-10. But, that was as close as Clemson could get. Suggs scored his first touchdown of the day on a three-yard rush on the next possession to give the Hokies a 21-10 lead.

Hopes of a second-half rally were shattered when Vick found Andre Davis for a 55-yard touchdown on the first drive of the second half. Willie Simmons relieved Dantzler in the final quarter. On his first possession, Simmons led the offense on an 11-play, 71-yard drive that ended in a 23-yard touchdown pass to Rod Gardner. With seven catches, Gardner surpassed Terry Smith's Clemson record for career receptions, finishing his career with 166.

Both quarterbacks shined in the much-anticipated match-up between Vick and Dantzler, although the Hokie quarterback left with both a Gator Bowl and a MVP trophy. Vick had the advantage in the passing game, his numbers slightly besting Dantzler's 15-32 for 180 yards.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**10**	**3**	**7**	**20**
Virginia Tech	**14**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**41**

VAT Ferguson 23 pass from Vick (Warley kick), 1st, 13:23, 1-23
VAT Vick 6 run (Warley kick), 1st, 1:08, 11-59
CU Zachery 23 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick), 2nd, 13:34, 9-74
CU Hunt 28 FG, 2nd, 5:45, 4-2
VAT Suggs 3 run (Warley kick), 2nd, 2:26, 7-78
VAT Suggs 1 run (Warley kick failed), 3rd, 12:19, 5-80
CU Hunt 26 FG, 3rd, 7:19, 6-12
VAT Ferguson 5 run (Warley kick), 3rd, 5:14, 5-74
CU Gardner 23 pass from Simmons (Hunt kick), 4th, 7:19, 11-71
VAT Suggs 5 run (Warley kick), 4th, 3:41, 7-44
Attendance - 68,741

Team Statistics	CU	VAT
Rushes-Yards	35-88	47-211
Passing Yards	243	205

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Dantzler 18-81, Zachery 5-15, Rambert 4-7
VAT Suggs 20-73-3, Kendrick 5-52, Ferguson 6-26-1, Ward 4-24, Vick 9-19-1, Burnell 1-6

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Dantzler 15-32-180-1-1, Simmons 6-12-63-1-1
VAT Vick 10-18-205-1-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Gardner 7-94-1, Watts 4-59, Zachery 2-25-1, Robinson 2-25, Kelly 3-22, Rambert 2-14
VAT A. Davis 2-70, Kendrick 2-55, Wynn 2-27

2001 HUMANITARIAN BOWL

CLEMSON	**49**
LOUISIANA TECH	**24**

DEC. 31, 2001
BRONCO STADIUM • BOISE, IDAHO

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Louisiana Tech: ..... Jack Bicknell

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 6-5 ..... NR
Louisiana Tech: ..... 7-4 ..... NR

Clemson concluded its 2001 season with a 49-24 win over Louisiana Tech in the Humanitarian Bowl at Boise, Idaho. The Tigers managed to win despite snowy conditions and freezing temperatures that set records for a Tiger football game.

Clemson won by putting together one of its best all-around performances of the season. The offense racked up 548 yards of total offense and set a school record for most touchdown passes in a game with five.

The Tigers scored four touchdowns in the third quarter, setting a team record for points in one quarter in a bowl game. Four touchdowns were scored by freshmen, marking the first time in school history that happened. The defense held the Bulldogs to just 49 total yards rushing while intercepting three passes and totaling six sacks.

After falling behind 10-7, Clemson took the lead 14-10 with 6:54 left before halftime when Woodrow Dantzler connected with Roscoe Crosby on a 53-yard touchdown reception. Dantzler helped extend the lead on the first drive of the second half by finding Ben Hall in the endzone and igniting the record-setting third quarter scoring effort. Dantzler recorded his third touchdown pass of the game two minutes later when he hooked up with Bernard Rambert for a 62-yard score.

Following an interception by Brian Mance, the offense capitalized seven plays later when Rambert scampered down the left sideline for 21 yards and a score. Charles Hafley intercepted Luke McCown's pass on the Bulldogs' first play of the ensuing drive, and Airese Currie's 19-yard fumble-rooskie play less than two minutes later marked the fourth touchdown of the quarter and gave Clemson a 42-10 lead.

Backup quarterback Willie Simmons entered the game in the final quarter and helped contribute to Clemson's final score of the game, completing his only pass of the contest to Derrick Hamilton for a 57-yard touchdown with just over nine minutes remaining. Despite two late scores by Louisiana Tech, the Tigers' impressive team effort left fans excited about the potential of the 2002 campaign.

Dantzler ended his career with a fitting performance. He completed 15-23 passes for 218 yards, and his four touchdown passes tied his own team record. Rambert posted 101 rushing yards and a touchdown on 16 carries. Center Kyle Young was named to Sports Illustrated's All-Bowl team, as he had 18 knockdown blocks in the contest.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**7**	**28**	**7**	**49**
Louisiana Tech	**3**	**7**	**0**	**14**	**24**

LAT	Scobee 29 FG , 1st, 12:22, 10-61
CU	Bailey 10 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick), 1st, 5:48, 8-51
LAT	McCown 11 run (Scobee kick), 2nd, 7:51, 12-79
CU	Crosby 53 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick), 2nd, 6:54, 2-57
CU	Hall 5 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick), 3rd, 11:43, 9-65
CU	Rambert 62 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick), 3rd, 9:42, 3-62
CU	Rambert 21 run (Hunt kick), 3rd, 6:36, 7-58
CU	Currie 19 run (Hunt kick), 3rd, 4:34, 6-51
CU	Hamilton 57 pass from Simmons (Hunt kick), 4th, 9:24, 2-60
LAT	Daigre 34 pass from McCown (Simon pass), 4th, 7:46, 7-76
LAT	Smith 2 run (Causey kick failed), 4th, 3:14, 8-75

Attendance - 23,472

Team Statistics	CU	LAT
Rushes-Yards	55-273	26-49
Passing Yards	275	401

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Rambert 16-101-1, Jasmin 16-83, Dantzler 15-57, Currie 2-13-1, Hamilton 2-17, Schell 1-2
LAT Smith 14-57, Curry 1-(-3), McCown11-(-5)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Dantzler 15-23-218-0-4, Simmons 1-4-57-0-1, Schell 0-1-0-0-0, Reames 0-1-1-0-0
LAT McCown 25-52-328-3-1, Causey 4-7-73-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Hamilton 4-94-1, Crosby 4-69-1, Rambert 3-77-1
LAT Daigre 10-178, Simon 7-96, Harris 4-31

2002 TANGERINE BOWL

TEXAS TECH	**55**
CLEMSON	**15**

DEC. 23, 2002
FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL STADIUM • ORLANDO, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Texas Tech: ..... Mike Leach

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 7-5 ..... NR
Texas Tech: ..... 8-5 ..... NR

Texas Tech defeated Clemson 55-15 in the 2003 Mazda Tangerine Bowl at Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando, Fla. Making their fourth consecutive bowl appearance, the Tigers were unable to contain Kliff Kingsbury, who threw for 375 yards and three touchdowns. Earning game MVP honors, he completed 32-43 passes and finished the season with 5,017 passing yards.

Although Kingsbury left the game in the third quarter with a leg injury, he returned to play in the final quarter and became just the third player in Division I-A history to eclipse the 5,000-yard passing mark in a season.

Charlie Whitehurst, who completed 20 of his 48 passes for 263 yards, led Clemson. His favorite target was Kevin Youngblood, who had a game-high 134 yards receiving on seven catches.

Kingsbury established the tone for the Red Raider offense by completing six of his first eight passes and leading the Red Raiders to a 29-yard field goal. Less than six minutes later, Kingsbury's 46-yard touchdown pass to Nehemiah Glover gave the Red Raiders a 10-0 lead.

The onslaught continued in the first quarter when Kingsbury connected with Mickey Peters on a 19-yard touchdown pass that gave Texas Tech a 17-0 lead entering the second quarter.

Taurean Henderson's 10-yard run gave the Red Raiders a 24-0 lead with 12:09 remaining in the first half. Midway through the second quarter, Clemson finally mustered some points when Tye Hill blocked a punt that resulted in a safety when the ball went through the endzone.

Vincent Meeks intercepted Whitehurst at the goal-line. Three quick completions moved the Texas Tech offense into field-goal range, and Robert Treece's successful 40-yard attempt as time expired gave Texas Tech a 34-2 advantage at halftime.

Clemson's opening drive of the second half resulted in the team's first offensive score, when Whitehurst connected with tight end Ben Hall on a 10-yard touchdown pass. Kingsbury left the game on the next possession after Khaleed Vaughn rolled over his leg; B.J. Symons replaced Kingsbury and guided the Red Raiders to a score on his opening drive. Symons' two-yard touchdown pass to Carlos Francis made the score 41-9. Chad Jasmin's two-yard scamper with 12:29 remaining in regulation signaled the Tigers' final score of the contest.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**2**	**7**	**6**	**15**
Texas Tech	**17**	**17**	**7**	**14**	**55**

TTU	Treece 29 FG, 1st, 10:11, 14-82
TTU	Glover 46 pass from Kingsbury (Treece kick), 1st, 5:38, 1-46
TTU	Peters 19 pass from Kingsbury (Treece kick), 1st, 1:26, 7-69
TTU	Henderson 10 run (Treece kick), 2nd, 12:09, 6-41
CU	TEAM Safety , 2nd, 5:14
TTU	Welker 59 punt return (Treece kick), 2nd, 3:52
TTU	Treece 40 FG, 2nd, 0:00, 6-52
CU	Hall 10 pass from Whitehurst (Hunt kick), 3rd, 11:12, 14-80
TTU	Francis 2 pass from Symons (Bishop kick), 3rd, 6:12, 11-79
CU	Jasmin 2 run (Whitehurst pass failed), 4th, 12:29, 8-45
TTU	Welker 9 pass from Kingsbury (Bishop kick), 4th, 9:18, 10-65
TTU	Henderson 26 pass from Symons (Bishop kick), 4th, 5:32, 5-58

Attendance - 21,689

Team Statistics	CU	TTU
Rushes-Yards	29-41	27-91
Passing Yards	319	464

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU T. Hill 5-16, Kelly 5-15, Currie 1-9, Jasmin 4-4
TTU Henderson 10-60-1, Welker 4-30, Munlin 5-26

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Whitehurst 20-48-263-4-1, Simmons 5-8-56-0-0
TTU Kingsbury 32-43-375-1-3, Symons 7-9-89-0-2

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Youngblood 7-134, Hamilton 4-72, McKelvey 2-33
TTU Glover 8-121-1, Henderson 8-56-1, Peters 7-86-1

2004 PEACH BOWL

CLEMSON	**27**
TENNESSEE	**14**

JAN. 2, 2004
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Tennessee: ..... Phillip Fulmer

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 8-4 ..... NR
Tennessee: ..... 10-2 ..... No. 6

Clemson's impressive finish to the regular season carried over into the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, as the Tigers upset No. 6 Tennessee by a score of 27-14. The win gave Clemson two victories over top-10 teams for the first time since the 1981 National Championship season, and propelled the Tigers to a No. 22 ranking in both final polls.

Clemson received the ball to start the game, and the offense responded with a quick start. Charlie Whitehurst found Derrick Hamilton for 26 yards and Kevin Youngblood for 35 more to move into scoring position. On first-and-goal, Whitehurst led an option to the short side of the field. Duane Coleman took the pitch and leaped over a would-be tackler. He got in for an eight-yard score.

Tennessee was forced to punt on its second possession, as Clausen was sacked by Justin Miller (first of his career) and then had a pass tipped at the line by Eric Coleman. All-America punter Dustin Colquitt booted a 41-yard punt, but Clemson's Hamilton provided some fireworks. He started to the right side of the field, cut back left and then was off to the races thanks to some timely blocks. His 58-yard punt return put Clemson on the Volunteers' 17-yard line to begin the next drive.

The Tigers quickly responded to a Volunteer touchdown late in the first quarter. Chad Jasmin rushed for 46 yards on the drive, including a 15-yard touchdown run up the middle to put the Tigers ahead 17-7.

Clemson again responded with points on the ensuing possession. Jasmin ignited the drive with a 31-yard run up the middle. Whitehurst then found Hamilton for a 23-yard gain into the redzone. Faced with third-and-goal from the eight, the Tiger coaching staff reached into its bag of tricks.

Whitehurst took the shotgun snap and handed the ball to Kyle Browning between his legs. Whitehurst then carried out a fake option to the right, while Browning hesitated and then ran left for the touchdown. The play, known as "Panther," put the Tigers ahead 24-14 at halftime.

Clemson rushed for 153 yards, while Tennessee struggled to just 38. Jasmin, voted the game's most valuable offensive player, had 130 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

Recording sacks for Clemson were Charles Bennett, Touré Francis, Leroy Hill, John Leake, DeJuan Polk and Miller. With two sacks, Hill was voted the defensive most valuable player.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**10**	**14**	**0**	**3**	**27**
Tennessee	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**14**

CU	D. Coleman 8 run (Hunt kick), 1st, 12:50, 6-80
CU	Hunt 23 FG, 1st, 3:48, 6-11
TEN	Hannon 19 pass from Clausen (Wilhoit kick), 1st, 0:06, 11-87
CU	Jasmin 15 run (Hunt kick), 2nd, 13:11, 7-80
TEN	Jones 30 pass from Clausen (Wilhoit kick), 2nd, 8:19, 4-43
CU	Browning 8 run (Hunt kick), 2nd, 5:36, 9-80
CU	Hunt 28 FG, 4th, 1:23, 14-70

Attendance - 75,125

Team Statistics	CU	TEN
Rushes-Yards	34-153	26-38
Passing Yards	246	384

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Jasmin 15-130-1, Hamilton 4-23, Browning 1-8-1, D. Coleman 8-4-1, Whitehurst 6-(-12)
TEN Houston 6-24, Riggs 2-10, Fleming 4-6, Davis 1-6, Clausen 12-2, Banks 1-(-10)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Whitehurst 22-40-246-1-0
TEN Clausen 31-55-384-0-2, TEAM 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Hamilton 5-69, Currie 5-50, D. Coleman 4-17, Youngblood 3-64, Baham 2-25, Williamson 1-13, Hall 1-9, Jasmin 1-(-1)
TEN Fleming 6-54, Jones 5-66-1, Hannon 4-57-1, Banks 3-37, Fayton 3-34, Swain 3-18, Brown 2-48, Smith 2-45, Houston 2-18, Revill 1-7

2005 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

CLEMSON	**19**
COLORADO	**10**

DEC. 27, 2005
FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL STADIUM • ORLANDO, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Colorado: ..... Mike Hankwitz

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 7-4 ..... No. 23
Colorado: ..... 7-5 ..... NR

Clemson won its 15th bowl game with a 19-10 victory over Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla. It was only the second meeting between the two schools, with the first coming in the 1957 Orange Bowl, a 27-21 Buffalo win.

James Davis led the way for the Tigers, rushing for 150 yards on 28 carries to earn MVP honors. Charlie Whitehurst finished his career completing 21-29 passes for 205 yards, and also ran for a score.

Two runs by Davis gained 26 yards, and Whitehurst followed with a 20-yard strike to Curtis Baham. The drive stalled three plays later, and Jad Dean made a 26-yard field goal.

Hugh Charles picked up 13 yards and a first down at the Clemson 10, barely missing a score by stepping out of bounds. However, three more rushes by Charles resulted in a loss of eight yards, and Colorado settled for a Mason Crosby 36-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter.

On Clemson's next possession, Whitehurst found Thomas Hunter for 10 yards on third down. After a penalty gave the Tigers another first down, Whitehurst completed a shovel pass to Davis for 22 yards down to the Colorado 10. Two rushes by Davis and another completion to Hunter moved the ball to the two, and Clemson elected to take the lead with a field goal. Dean made his 24th field goal to set a school record for field goals in a season, and his 18-yarder also gave the Tigers a 6-3 lead.

On the second play of the third quarter, Davis broke free for a 40-yard run. Whitehurst found Aaron Kelly for 11 yards three plays later, and then Whitehurst dove into the endzone for a five-yard touchdown run on a third-and-goal play. The touchdown drive covered 67 yards in eight plays.

Each team punted several more times before Colorado began a drive at its own 31 with just over nine minutes left in the game. Cox was replaced by Brian White. After a pass-interference penalty on the Tigers, White hit two consecutive passes for 45 yards down to the Clemson nine. Three plays later on third down, White found Quinn Sypniewski for a two-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 13-10.

Clemson's defense held Colorado to 124 total yards of offense and 17 yards rushing, the top defensive performance by any team in a bowl game during the 2005 season.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**3**	**3**	**7**	**6**	**19**
Colorado	**0**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**10**

CU	Dean 26 FG, 1st, 5:23, 10-77
COL	Crosby 36 FG, 2nd, 14:56, 6-11
CU	Dean 18 FG, 2nd, 5:48, 12-65
CU	Whitehurst 5 run (Dean kick), 3rd, 11:45, 8-67
COL	Sypniewski 2 pass from White (Crosby kick), 4th, 5:45, 6-69
CU	Davis 6 run (Dean kick failed), 4th, 1:38, 7-61

Attendance - 31,470

Team Statistics	CU	COL
Rushes-Yards	38-160	29-17
Passing Yards	205	107

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Davis 28-150-1, Merriweather 3-8, Grisham 1-5, Whitehurst 6-(-3)-1
COL Charles 13-16, Vickers 6-15, Ellis 3-8, TEAM 1-(-1), Cox 6-(-21)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Whitehurst 21-29-205-1-0
COL White 7-12-81-0-1, Cox 4-12-26-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Kelly 4-36, Baham 3-49, Hunter 3-26, Taylor 3-19, Grisham 2-34, Davis 2-21, Stuckey 2-9, Harris 1-8, S. Jackson 1-3
COL Sypniewski 4-50-1, Charles 2-5, Williams 1-17, Judge 1-16, Vickers 1-10, Klopfenstein 1-5, Sprague 1-4

2006 MUSIC CITY BOWL

KENTUCKY	**28**
CLEMSON	**20**

DEC. 29, 2006
LP FIELD • NASHVILLE, TENN.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Kentucky: ..... Rich Brooks

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 8-4 ..... NR
Kentucky: ..... 7-5 ..... NR

Andre' Woodson passed for 299 yards and three touchdowns to lead Kentucky to a 28-20 victory over Clemson in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn. on December 29.

Kentucky held a 7-6 lead late in the second quarter until it scored on a 70-yard pass after a fake punt in its own territory. Then Kentucky took a 28-6 lead in the fourth quarter and held on for the win in front of a partisan Wildcat crowd.

Will Proctor was 23-39 for 272 yards and three touchdowns. Aaron Kelly had a game-high six receptions for 66 yards and a touchdown, Chansi Stuckey caught five balls for 93 yards.

Kentucky took the opening drive 62 yards in 12 plays to take a 7-0 lead, as Micah Johnson scored on a one-yard plunge.

Tyler Grisham gave the ball back to the Tigers in Wildcat territory when he blocked a punt. Two plays after a 15-yard reverse by Jacoby Ford, Proctor found Durrell Barry open over the middle for a 32-yard touchdown reception, the first of Barry's career. Clemson missed the extra point, keeping Kentucky ahead 7-6.

As Clemson was in the process of holding Kentucky's offense under 10 yards for the sixth straight drive, the Wildcats gambled with a fake punt. Punter Tim Masthay completed a 10-yard pass on fourth-and-four from the Kentucky 20. On the next play, Woodson lofted a 70-yard touchdown pass to DeMoreo Ford.

Kentucky took a 21-6 lead on a 24-yard throwback pass from Woodson to Dicky Lyons.

Early in the fourth quarter, Rafael Little returned a punt 46 yards to the Tiger 28. Four plays later, Woodson scrambled and found Jacob Tamme open for a 13-yard touchdown pass.

Clemson responded with a 78-yard drive to cut into the Wildcat lead. Pass plays of 19 yards to Grisham and 19 yards to Stuckey helped set up a first-and-goal. Facing fourth down from the 17, Grisham hauled in a touchdown pass from Proctor in the back of the endzone. The two-point try failed, leaving Kentucky up 28-12 with 7:25 remaining.

Clemson took over on downs with 3:17 left and drove 74 yards on eight plays. Stuckey's 28-yard catch moved the ball into Wildcat territory. Proctor then lofted a pass to Kelly, as he came down with the touchdown catch. Proctor connected with Michael Palmer on the two-point play, cutting Kentucky's lead to 28-20 with 44 seconds left.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**6**	**0**	**14**	**20**
Kentucky	**7**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**28**

KEN	M. Johnson 1 run (Seiber kick), 1st, 11:04, 12-62
CU	Barry 32 pass from Proctor (Early kick failed), 2nd, 8:14, 3-47
KEN	Ford 70 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick), 2nd, 2:14, 5-86
KEN	Lyons 24 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick), 3rd, 8:09, 6-67
KEN	Tamme 13 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick), 4th, 11:29, 4-28
CU	Grisham 17 pass from Proctor (Proctor run failed), 4th, 7:25, 11-78
CU	Kelly 17 pass from Proctor (Proctor to Palmer), 4th, 0:44, 8-74

Attendance - 68,024

Team Statistics	CU	KEN
Rushes-Yards	25-130	40-100
Passing	23-39-1	21-29-0

Rushing (Car-Yds-TD)
CU Davis 8-53, Proctor 9-32, Spiller 5-24, Ford 1-15, Stuckey 1-5, Merriweather 1-1
KEN Little 17-54, Bankhead 3-37, Dixon 8-29, Conner 1-1, M. Johnson 2-1-1, TEAM 1-0, Woodson 8-(-22)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Proctor 23-39-272-1-3
KEN Woodson 20-28-299-0-3, Masthay 1-1-10-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)
CU Kelly 6-66-1, Stuckey 5-93, Grisham 5-49-1, Davis 2-13, Barry 1-32-1, Ford 1-8, Harris 1-5, Merriweather 1-4, Palmer 1-2
KEN Burton 5-30, Tamme 4-59-1, S. Johnson 3-67, Lyons 2-50-1, Little 2-15, Dixon 2-2, Ford 1-70-1, McClinton 1-10, Pulley 1-6

2007 CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

AUBURN	**23** (OT)
CLEMSON	**20**

DEC. 31, 2007
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Tommy Bowden
Auburn: ..... Tommy Tuberville

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-3 ..... No. 15
Auburn: ..... 8-4 ..... No. 22

Kodi Burns' seven-yard touchdown run in overtime gave No. 21 Auburn a 23-20 victory over No. 15 Clemson in the Chick-fil-A Bowl in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga. on December 31. It was Clemson's seventh appearance in the Chick-fil-A/Peach Bowl and its 30th bowl game overall.

C.J. Spiller led Clemson with 112 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Spiller, who was named Offensive MVP of the Chick-fil-A-Bowl, also totaled a team-season-high 218 all-purpose yards.

On Auburn's first drive, Brandon Cox hit Rodgeriqus Smith for 28 yards to the Clemson 20. Two plays later, Brad Lester rushed for 13 yards to set up a first-and-goal at the eight. But Clemson's defense stiffened, forcing Wes Byrum's 36-yard field goal.

After a five-yard carry by Spiller, the sophomore carried again up the middle. This time, he bounced outside and sprinted 83 yards for a score to give Clemson a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter.

Auburn drove 78 yards in 10 plays on its third-quarter scoring drive. It was capped by Burns' 22-yard touchdown pass to Mario Fannin.

Cullen Harper's quarterback sneak on fourth down gave Clemson a first-and-goal. But Clemson had to settle for Mark Buchholz's 22-yard field goal on the first snap of the fourth quarter to tie the score 10-10.

Four plays later, Crezdon Butler deflected Cox's pass and wound up with the interception at the Auburn 32. Clemson capitalized on the game's only turnover when James Davis scored on a one-yard plunge on fourth-and-goal.

But Clemson's 17-10 lead was short-lived, as Auburn traversed 70 yards in 11 plays to tie the score. Cox's 18-yard pass to Robert Dunn on third-and-five moved the ball into Clemson territory. Four plays later, Burns rumbled 15 yards to the Clemson one. Ben Tate carried the ball into the endzone on the next play with 8:27 remaining in the game.

Clemson got the ball first in overtime. On third-and-two, Davis carried just far enough for a first down at the 15. But on third-and-three from the eight, Harper's pass fell incomplete. Buchholz then booted a 25-yard field goal.

Facing third-and-13, Cox connected with Smith for 12 yards. On fourth-and-one, Auburn elected to go for the first down and got it on Cox's quarterback sneak. Three plays later on third-and-three, Burns took the shotgun snap and scampered seven yards for the game-winning touchdown.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**7**	**0**	**10**	**3**	**20**
Auburn	**3**	**0**	**7**	**7**	**6**	**23**

AUB	Byrum 36 FG, 1st, 8:54, 11-58
CU	Spiller 83 run (Buchholz kick), 2nd, 13:14, 2-88
AUB	Fannin 22 pass from Burns (Byrum kick), 3rd, 11:33, 10-78
CU	Buchholz 22 FG, 4th, 14:58, 11-37
CU	Davis 1 run (Buchholz kick), 4th, 11:24, 7-32
AUB	Tate 1 run (Byrum kick), 4th, 8:27, 11-70
CU	Buchholz 25 FG, OT, 7-17
AUB	Burns 7 run, OT, 7-25

Attendance - 74,413

Team Statistics	CU	AUB
Rushes-Yards	40-189	47-190
Passing	14-33-104	26-43-233

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Spiller 8-112-1, Davis 23-72-1, Grisham 1-8, Harper 8-(-3)
AUB Burns 13-69-1, Lester 14-57, Tate 14-47-1, Fannin 3-18, Cox 3-(-1)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Harper 14-33-104-0-0
AUB Cox 25-39-211-1-0, Burns 1-4-22-0-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Kelly 4-36, Taylor 3-32, Grisham 2-24, Harris 2-12, Spiller 2-(-5), Palmer 1-5
AUB Fannin 5-53-1, Dunn 5-39, Smith 4-45, Lester 3-24, Tate 3-19, Bennett 2-16, Billings 1-13, Hawthorne 1-12, Rodriguez 1-8, Trott 1-4

2009 GATOR BOWL

NEBRASKA	**26**
CLEMSON	**21**

JAN. 1, 2009
JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL STADIUM • JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Nebraska: ..... Bo Pelini

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 7-5 ..... NR
Nebraska: ..... 8-4 ..... NR

Nebraska overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit and scored 20 points in the third quarter to defeat Clemson 26-21 in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville (Fla.) Municipal Stadium on January 1.

Clemson built a 14-3 halftime lead thanks to a stalwart defense and 21-10 lead in the third quarter, but the Cornhuskers scored the game's final 16 points to earn the five-point victory.

Joe Ganz was named Nebraska's Gator Bowl MVP after going 19-36 for 236 yards and two scores. Quentin Castille had a game-high 125 rushing yards on 18 carries, but two of them went for 58 yards and 40 yards. In fact, of the Cornhuskers' 23 carries by running backs, 10 went for negative yardage.

C.J. Spiller had only 17 rushing yards, but he had a game-high 182 all-purpose yards thanks to 62 punt return yards and 97 kickoff return yards.

The Tigers finally dented the scoreboard in the second quarter when DeAndre McDaniel deflected Ganz's option pitch. He grabbed the ball off one bounce and raced 28 yards for a touchdown. It was the first of three turnovers forced by the Tigers, as all 21 of their points came off turnovers.

After a Crezdon Butler interception late in the second quarter, Cullen Harper hit Aaron Kelly for a 25-yard touchdown pass to up Clemson's lead to 14-3.

In the third quarter, Jacoby Ford outran Nebraska and caught a perfectly-thrown pass from Harper for a 41-yard score. But on Nebraska's next snap, Castille broke free for a 58-yard run. Ganz then hit Todd Peterson for a 19-yard touchdown pass.

After Blake Lawrence intercepted a batted ball at the Tiger 10, Clemson's defense stiffened and forced Alex Henery's 28-yard field goal. Disaster struck again on Clemson's next drive when Rickey Thenarse blocked Jimmy Maners' punt.

But Clemson's defense withstood and Henery booted a 28-yard, go-ahead field goal. The Cornhuskers later added another field goal.

Clemson's final drive was kept alive by a 16-yard pass from Harper to Ford on fourth-and-four and Kelly's 17-yard reception gave the Tigers first-and-goal at the 10. On third down, Harper's pass to Spiller in the endzone was nearly caught before Matt O'Hanlon broke up the pass. Harper's last-ditch effort on fourth down fell incomplete.

Da'Quan Bowers, Clemson's Gator Bowl MVP, had six tackles and a team-high three tackles for loss for the Tigers, who had 11 tackles for loss.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**14**	**7**	**0**	**21**
Nebraska	**0**	**3**	**20**	**3**	**26**

CU	McDaniel 28 fumble return (Buchholz kick), 2nd, 4:52
NEB	Henery 48 FG, 2nd, 1:10, 11-48
CU	Kelly 25 pass from C. Harper (Buchholz kick), 2nd, 0:35, 2-13
NEB	Swift 17 pass from Ganz (Henery kick), 3rd, 12:24, 5-54
CU	J. Ford 41 pass from C. Harper (Buchholz kick), 3rd, 10:06, 1-56
NEB	Peterson 19 pass from Ganz (Henery kick), 3rd, 7:54, 4-75
NEB	Henery 28 FG, 3rd, 5:13, 4-(-1)
NEB	Henery 28 FG, 3rd, 1:40, 5-20
NEB	Henery 22 FG, 4th, 5:20, 5-49

Attendance - 67,282

Team Statistics	CU	NEB
Rushes-Yards	26-4	35-125
Passing	17-37-206	19-36-236

Rushing (Car-Yards)
CU Davis 12-26, Spiller 7-17, J. Ford 1-3, C. Harper 6-(-42)
NEB Castille 18-125, Witt 1-4, Ganz 7-1, Helu 5-(-1), TEAM 4-(-4)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU C. Harper 17-37-206-2-2
NEB Ganz 19-36-236-1-2

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Kelly 6-74-1, J. Ford 5-112-1, Spiller 4-6, Faerber 1-8, Grisham 1-6
NEB Peterson 4-96-1, Lucky 4-13, Swift 3-32-1, McNeill 3-27, Me. Holt 2-35, Paul 2-13, Castille 1-20

2009 MUSIC CITY BOWL

CLEMSON	**21**
KENTUCKY	**13**

DEC. 27, 2009
LP FIELD • NASHVILLE, TENN.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Kentucky: ..... Rich Brooks

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 8-5 ..... NR
Kentucky: ..... 7-5 ..... NR

C.J. Spiller totaled 172 all-purpose yards and a rushing score in his final collegiate game to lead Clemson to a 21-13 win over Kentucky in the Music City Bowl at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn. on December 27. It was the Tigers' first bowl win since 2005, ending a three-game bowl losing streak, and their 16th bowl victory.

Spiller earned game MVP honors, as he had 67 rushing yards, three catches for 58 yards, and 47 kickoff-return yards. His touchdown was the 51st of his career to set a Tiger record.

The Tiger offense was productive despite totaling just 47 offensive plays. Clemson set bowl records for yards per play (6.8) and yards per carry (5.5) in its 321-yard performance.

The Wildcats drove 61 yards on their opening possession, capped by Morgan Newton's 17-yard touchdown pass to Chris Matthews. The Tigers answered late in the first quarter with Kyle Parker's 32-yard touchdown pass to Jacoby Ford over the middle.

Jamie Harper, who had 79 yards on eight carries, gave Clemson the lead in the second quarter on his one-yard plunge.

In the fourth quarter, Kavell Conner stripped Gene McCaskill and Jarvis Jenkins recovered at the Wildcat 19. Three plays later, Spiller scored on an eight-yard touchdown run.

Kentucky drove 60 yards on its last drive, but Ricky Sapp tackled Newton just short of the first-down marker on fourth down at the Tiger 25. Clemson drained the final 5:27 off the clock thanks to 53 combined rushing yards by Spiller and Harper.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**21**
Kentucky	**7**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**13**

KEN	Matthews 17 pass from Newton (Seiber kick), 1st, 10:08, 7-61
CU	J. Ford 32 pass from Parker (Jackson kick), 1st, 0:16, 4-90
KEN	Seiber 39 FG, 2nd, 7:29, 12-51
CU	Harper 1 run (Jackson kick), 2nd, 5:19, 5-62
KEN	Seiber 44 FG, 3rd, 10:13, 10-49
CU	Spiller 8 run (Jackson kick), 4th, 10:14, 3-19

Attendance - 57,280

Team Statistics	CU	KEN
Rushes-Yards	33-180	42-167
Passing	8-14-141	15-26-110

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Harper 8-79-1, Spiller 15-67-1, Ellington 4-20, Parker 3-16, J. Ford 1-2, TEAM 2-(-4)
KEN Locke 18-64, Newton 10-37, R. Cobb 10-36, Allen 2-19, Tydlacka 1-9, Conner 1-2

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Parker 8-14-141-0-1
KEN Newton 13-23-98-0-1, R. Cobb 2-3-12-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Spiller 3-58, J. Ford 3-44-1, Palmer 2-39
KEN Locke 6-30, McCaskill 4-31, R. Cobb 2-20, Grinter 2-12, Matthews 1-17-1

2010 MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

SOUTH FLORIDA	**31**
CLEMSON	**26**

DEC. 31, 2010
BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM • CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
South Florida: ..... Skip Holtz

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 6-6 ..... NR
South Florida: ..... 7-5 ..... NR

B.J. Daniels was 20-27 passing with two touchdowns to earn game MVP honors and lead South Florida to a 31-26 win over Clemson at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. in the Meineke Car Care Bowl on December 31. It was the first-ever meeting between the two.

South Florida built a 17-3 lead thanks to two touchdown passes by Daniels, who completed 14 passes in a row at one point. But a costly Bull fumble led to Jamie Harper's one-yard touchdown run with 30 seconds left in the first half that cut the Bulls' halftime lead to 17-13.

In the second half, touchdown runs by Moise Plancher and Daniels gave the Bulls a 31-13 lead. With 1:47 left in the game, Tajh Boyd, who had taken over for an injured Kyle Parker at halftime, connected with Brandon Ford for a six-yard touchdown pass. After Clemson recovered Richard Jackson's ensuing onside kick, Boyd hit Ford for another touchdown pass, this time for 10 yards with 43 seconds remaining.

Jackson's next onside kick was recovered by DeAndre McDaniel, but he first touched the ball at the 39, giving the ball to the Bulls.

Clemson was 3-3 on fourth-down conversions and outgained the Bulls 296-279, but South Florida was 9-14 on third-down conversions and used its quick passing game to neutralize the Tigers' pass rush.

DeAndre Hopkins had nine receptions for 105 yards, both game-highs, while Ford, who totaled four catches for 45 yards, became the first Tiger with two receiving touchdowns in a bowl game.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**3**	**10**	**0**	**13**	**26**
South Florida	**7**	**10**	**7**	**7**	**31**

CU	Catanzaro 27 FG, 1st, 5:30, 7-25
USF	Murray 25 pass from Daniels (Bonani kick), 1st, 0:39, 6-82
USF	Bonani 27 FG, 2nd, 13:42, 4-1
USF	Bogan 15 pass from Daniels (Bonani kick), 2nd, 7:19, 9-64
CU	Catanzaro 44 FG, 2nd, 3:55, 8-48
CU	Harper 1 run (Catanzaro kick), 2nd, 0:30, 7-43
USF	Plancher 2 run (Bonani kick), 3rd, 9:47, 13-83
USF	Daniels 8 run (Bonani kick), 4th, 13:58, 2-5
CU	Ford 6 pass from Boyd (Boyd pass failed), 4th, 1:47, 7-59
CU	Ford 10 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 4th, 0:43, 5-28

Attendance - 41,122

Team Statistics	CU	USF
Rushes-Yards	27-50	37-90
Passing	24-41-246	20-28-189

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Harper 20-34-1, K. Parker 2-8, Wade 1-8, Boyd 3-1, J. Brown 1-(-1)
USF Plancher 14-50-1, Murray 8-25, Daniels 11-22-1, TEAM 2-(-3), Lamar 2-(-4)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU K. Parker 11-17-134-1-0, Boyd 13-23-112-1-2, TEAM 0-1-0-0-0
USF Daniels 20-27-189-1-2, Landi 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Hopkins 9-105, Ford 4-45-2, J. Brown 4-21, Harper 4-20, Allen 2-17, M. Jones 1-38
USF Lamar 5-40, Murray 3-35-1, Gidrey 3-34, Landi 2-36, Miller 2-10, Plancher 2-8, Bogan 1-15-1, Hornes 1-7, Bravo-Brown 1-4

2012 ORANGE BOWL

WEST VIRGINIA	**70**
CLEMSON	**33**

JAN. 4, 2012
SUN LIFE STADIUM • MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
West Virginia: ..... Dana Holgorsen

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 10-3 ..... No. 14
West Virginia: ..... 9-3 ..... No. 23

Geno Smith passed for 407 yards and six touchdowns as No. 22 West Virginia beat No. 14 Clemson 70-33 in the Discover Orange Bowl at Miami Gardens, Fla. on Jan. 4, 2012.

The play-of-the-game came in the second quarter with Clemson poised to regain the lead when Doug Rigg stripped the ball out of Andre Ellington's hands as he started to fall at the Mountaineers' one-yard line. Darwin Cook recovered the ball and raced 99 yards for a game-changing touchdown. It was the longest defensive touchdown in Orange Bowl history, which highlighted a 35-point second quarter for the Mountaineers.

The Tigers never recovered after Cook's touchdown. Although the Tigers moved within 28-20, West Virginia went on a six-play, 64-yard drive that was capped by Smith's seven-yard touchdown run that gave the Mountaineers a 35-20 lead with 2:29 left in the first half.

Trying to get some kind of momentum, Tajh Boyd, who threw for 250 yards, forced a pass on Clemson's next possession that was intercepted by Pat Miller. Three plays later, Smith connected with Tavon Austin for a three-yard touchdown pass with 1:13 left in the first half.

For the third time, West Virginia took advantage of a Clemson miscue, as Shawne Alston recorded his second touchdown of the half when he rushed one yard for a touchdown with four seconds left. The Mountaineers led 49-20 at halftime.

The onslaught continued in the second half, as the Mountaineers scored on their first two possessions. Smith completed touchdown passes of six yards and 37 yards to Stedman Bailey and Austin, respectively, to build their lead to 63-20.

West Virginia's 35 unanswered points came to an end late in the third quarter when Boyd hit DeAndre Hopkins, who had a team-high 10 catches for 107 yards, on a 28-yard touchdown pass.

Clemson started with a bang when Ellington, who rushed for 116 yards on 10 carries, ran 68 yards for the first score. After West Virginia tied the score with a four-yard touchdown run by Alston, the Tigers answered with Boyd's 27-yard touchdown pass to Watkins.

Austin tied the score 14-14 on West Virginia's next possession when he hauled in an eight-yard pass from Smith, who set an Orange Bowl and BCS bowl game record with six touchdown passes. The Miami-area native also set an Orange Bowl record with 407 passing yards on 32-43 passing and was named game MVP.

Clemson provided the final score of the night on a four-yard touchdown run by Roderick McDowell late in the fourth quarter.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**17**	**3**	**6**	**7**	**33**
West Virginia	**14**	**35**	**14**	**7**	**70**

CU	Ellington 68 run (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 9:33, 6-96
WVU	Alston 4 run (Bitancurt kick), 1st, 6:54, 8-72
CU	Watkins 27 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 4:38, 9-62
WVU	Austin 8 pass from G. Smith (Bitancurt kick), 1st, 2:49, 6-57
CU	Catanzaro 42 FG, 1st, 0:45, 6-40
WVU	Austin 27 pass from G. Smith (Bitancurt kick), 2nd, 13:25, 9-80
WVU	Cook 99 fumble return (Bitancurt kick), 2nd, 10:28
CU	Catanzaro 43 FG, 2nd, 4:49, 8-56
WVU	G. Smith 7 run (Bitancurt kick), 2nd, 2:29, 6-64
WVU	Austin 3 pass from G. Smith (Bitancurt kick), 2nd, 1:13, 3-32
WVU	Alston 1 run (Bitancurt kick), 2nd, 0:04, 5-18
WVU	Bailey 6 pass from G. Smith (Bitancurt kick), 3rd, 12:35, 7-73
WVU	Austin 37 pass from G. Smith (Bitancurt kick), 3rd, 9:18, 5-74
CU	Hopkins 28 pass from Boyd (Boyd pass failed), 3rd, 1:37, 5-41
WVU	Milhouse 7 pass from G. Smith (Bitancurt kick), 4th, 6:21, 12-66
CU	McDowell 4 run (Catanzaro kick), 4th, 1:01, 6-39

Attendance - 67,563

Team Statistics	CU	WVU
Passing	24-47-250	32-46-407

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Ellington 10-116-1, McDowell 4-34-1, Boyd 10-32, Stoudt 1-5, Howard 1-4, Watkins 1-2
WVU Alston 20-77-2, Buie 13-45, Austin 3-40, G. Smith 5-26-1, TEAM 2-(-6)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Boyd 24-46-250-2-2, Stoudt 0-1-0-0-0
WVU G. Smith 32-43-407-0-6, Millard 0-3-0-1-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Hopkins 10-107-1, Watkins 5-66-1, Ja. Brown 2-24, Allen 2-21, Bryant 2-20, Humphries 2-12, Ford 1-0
WVU Austin 12-123-4, Bailey 5-82-1, De. Brown 5-71, Buie 4-32, Milhouse 3-71-1, McCartney 2-13, Woods 1-15

2012 CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

CLEMSON	**25**
LOUISIANA STATE	**24**

DEC. 31, 2012
GEORGIA DOME • ATLANTA, GA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Louisiana State: ..... Les Miles

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 10-2 ..... No. 14
Louisiana State: ..... 10-2 ..... No. 9

Trailing 24-13 to No. 7 Louisiana State entering the fourth quarter, Clemson came off the mat to score three times in the final stanza against one of the nation's staunchest defenses. Chandler Catanzaro's 37-yard field goal as time expired lifted No. 13 Clemson to a 25-24 win in the Chick-fil-A Bowl in the Georgia Dome.

After Clemson pulled within two points with 2:47 left on a 12-yard touchdown strike from Tajh Boyd to DeAndre Hopkins, it was unable to pull even when Boyd's pass on the two-point attempt fell incomplete.

But the Clemson defense quickly got the ball back to its offense by forcing a three-and-out with 1:39 remaining, and Boyd, who was named Chick-fil-A Bowl Offensive Most Outstanding Player, engineered a drive that covered 60 yards in 10 plays and culminated in Catanzaro's game-winner.

Jeremy Hill burst off tackle and cruised into the endzone for a 17-yard touchdown run and a 7-0 lead. Making matters worse, Sammy Watkins was lost for the night after suffering an injury on the play.

With things already looking bleak, Clemson mustered a big-time response against the Louisiana State defense, marching 75 yards in 11 plays and finding the endzone on an 11-yard run by Boyd to tie the score.

Louisiana State jumped back on top early in the second quarter, as it capped a 65-yard drive with a six-yard touchdown pass from Zach Mettenberger to Jarvis Landry.

Later in the quarter, Clemson drove 70 yards and found the endzone on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Boyd to Hopkins to make the score 14-13 before Catanzaro's PAT was blocked.

Michael Ford returned the second-half kickoff 43 yards, and on the next play, Hill ran 57 yards to paydirt and a 21-13 lead just 17 seconds after halftime.

Clemson's defense continued to do its part and got the ball right back to its offense, as Malliciah Goodman and Grady Jarrett combined for Clemson's sixth sack of the game on third down.

The offense took advantage of the opportunity, as Boyd engineered a 77-yard drive and hit Hopkins in the back of the endzone for a 12-yard touchdown pass to make the score 24-22 with 2:47 left in the game.

The two-point try failed, but Clemson's defense once again did its job by forcing a quick three-and-out. A touchback on the ensuing punt gave Clemson the ball at its own 20 with 1:39 left in the game.

At that point, Boyd worked his magic, hitting Hopkins for a 26-yard strike on fourth-and-16 to get the drive rolling. He completed his last five passes of the game to set up Catanzaro's game-winning kick.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**6**	**0**	**12**	**25**
Louisiana State	**7**	**7**	**10**	**0**	**24**

LSU	Hill 17 run (Alleman kick), 1st, 14:05, 2-23
CU	Boyd 11 run (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 9:46, 11-75
LSU	Landry 6 pass from Mettenberger (Alleman kick), 2nd, 13:12, 8-65
CU	Hopkins 11 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick failed), 2nd, 5:43, 8-70
LSU	Hill 57 run (Alleman kick), 3rd, 14:43, 1-57
LSU	Alleman 20 FG, 3rd, 4:49, 6-26
CU	Catanzaro 26 FG, 4th, 9:26, 13-63
CU	Hopkins 12 pass from Boyd (Boyd pass failed), 4th, 2:47, 11-77
CU	Catanzaro 37 FG, 4th, 0:00, 10-60

Attendance - 68,027

Team Statistics	CU	LSU
Rushes-Yards	50-99	25-99
Passing	36-50-346	14-23-219

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Ellington 11-50, McDowell 7-26, Boyd 29-22-1, Ja. Brown 1-3, Howard 1-1, S. Watkins 1-(-3)
LSU Hill 12-124-2, Ware 3-9, Hilliard 2-8, Ford 2-(-1), Mettenberger 6-(-41)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Boyd 36-50-346-0-2
LSU Mettenberger 14-23-120-1-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Hopkins 13-191-2, Ford 9-69, Humphries 8-27, McDowell 2-6, Ellington 1-35, Ja. Brown 1-12, Cooper 1-5, Peake 1-1
LSU Landry 4-37-1, Beckham 3-40, Ware 3-18, Boone 2-14, Clement 1-7, Dickson 1-4

2014 ORANGE BOWL

CLEMSON	**40**
OHIO STATE	**35**

JAN. 3, 2014
SUN LIFE STADIUM • MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Ohio State: ..... Urban Meyer

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 10-2 ..... No. 12
Ohio State: ..... 12-1 ..... No. 7

Brent Venables bristled a bit earlier in the week when he was asked about the Orange Bowl against No. 6 Ohio State being billed as a shootout.

While the final score, 40-35 in favor of No. 11 Clemson, may have indicated that was the case, its defensive coordinator could smile afterward knowing his unit made the plays that were the difference.

The Tigers forced four second-half turnovers, including a fumble and interception on the Buckeyes' last two possessions, to rally from a halftime deficit for the win.

It was not all defense for Clemson, as Sammy Watkins set Tiger and Orange Bowl records with 16 receptions and 227 receiving yards to garner MVP honors, and Tajh Boyd accounted for 505 yards of total offense and six touchdowns. Despite outgaining Ohio State by 108 yards and largely dominating on both sides of the ball, the Tigers trailed at halftime 22-20.

But the Tigers cashed in on two third-quarter turnovers by the Buckeyes, as Watkins and Martavis Bryant made acrobatic catches in the endzone to put Clemson on top entering the fourth quarter.

Stanton Seckinger put Clemson ahead with a five-yard catch with 6:16 left, and Spencer Shuey and Stephone Anthony's takeaways finished Ohio State off.

Things looked bleak for the Tigers after Ohio State stretched its lead to 29-20 and got another stop to open the second half.

Clemson got a break after its offense had been forced to punt, as Corey Brown muffed a punt and Clemson recovered at the Ohio State 33. The Tigers cashed in, as Watkins made an acrobatic catch for a 30-yard touchdown that narrowed Ohio State's lead to 29-27.

The Tiger defense kept the momentum going on the ensuing drive. On third-and-eight, pressure flushed Braxton Miller out of the pocket and his pass to the sideline was intercepted by Jayron Kearse to give Clemson the ball at the Ohio State 38.

Bryant then hauled in a juggling catch in the corner of the endzone to put the Tigers back on top 34-29 with 32 seconds left in the third quarter.

After the Buckeyes regained the lead, the Tigers went back in front on a five-yard grab by Seckinger, who Boyd found wide open for the touchdown. The score put Clemson on top 40-35 with 6:16 remaining.

With the Buckeyes facing third-and-13 on the ensuing drive, Breeland crashed in on a corner blitz and hit Miller, the ball popped loose and Shuey snatched it out of the air at the Ohio State 47.

The Tigers gave the ball right back, as Ohio State came up with an interception three plays later, but Anthony picked Miller off two plays later to get the ball back for Clemson and seal the win.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**14**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**40**
Ohio State	**9**	**13**	**7**	**6**	**35**

CU	Boyd 48 run (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 12:50, 6-75
OSU	B. Miller 33 run (Basil kick), 1st, 5:44, 13-75
CU	S. Watkins 34 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 1st, 4:56, 4-75
OSU	TEAM safety, 1st, 2:25
CU	Bryant 3 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick failed), 2nd, 6:16, 7-77
OSU	Heuerman 57 pass from B. Miller (Basil kick failed), 2nd, 3:39, 5-85
OSU	B. Miller 3 run (Basil kick), 2nd, 0:12, 5-79
OSU	Hyde 1 run (Basil kick), 3rd, 5:50, 9-87
CU	S. Watkins 30 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 3rd, 2:47, 3-33
CU	Bryant 3 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 3rd, 0:32, 4-38
OSU	Hyde 14 pass from B. Miller (Guiton pass failed), 4th, 11:35, 10-75
CU	Seckinger 5 pass from Boyd (S. Watkins pass failed), 4th, 6:16, 13-75

Attendance - 72,080

Team Statistics	CU	OSU
Rushes-Yards	36-198	48-193
Passing	31-40-378	16-24-234

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Boyd 20-127-1, McDowell 12-69, Davidson 1-3, S. Watkins 1-3, TEAM 2-(-4)
OSU Hyde 25-113-1, B. Miller 18-35-2, Wilson 3-24, C. Brown 1-15, Heuerman 1-6

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Boyd 31-40-378-2-5
OSU B. Miller 16-24-234-2-2

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU S. Watkins 16-227-2, McDowell 4-32, Bryant 3-28-2, Davidson 3-27, Seckinger 2-14-1, Hopper 2-7, Leggett 1-43
OSU C. Brown 8-116, Hyde 2-39-1, Vannett 2-22, D. Smith 2-5, Heuerman 1-57-1, Wilson 1-(-5)

2014 RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL

CLEMSON	**40**
OKLAHOMA	**6**

DEC. 29, 2014
CITRUS BOWL STADIUM • ORLANDO, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Oklahoma: ..... Bob Stoops

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 9-3 ..... No. 18
Oklahoma: ..... 8-4 ..... NR

Three-point underdog before.

Thirty-four point victor after.

The No. 18 Clemson Tigers dominated all aspects of the Russell Athletic Bowl contest in an impressive 40-6 victory over the favored and No. 24 ranked Oklahoma Sooners.

For the Tigers and Head Coach Dabo Swinney, the victory marked a third straight year with an impressive bowl win against a storied opponent. Clemson defeated Louisiana State and Head Coach Les Miles in the 2012 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Ohio State and Head Coach Urban Meyer in the 2014 Orange Bowl (at the end of the 2013 season) and Oklahoma and Head Coach Bob Stoops in the 2014 Russell Athletic Bowl.

Senior Cole Stoudt was named game MVP, a nice end to the quarterback's season and career at Clemson. He finished with a career-high 319 yards and three touchdowns against no interceptions on 26-36 passing and added a rushing touchdown.

Artavis Scott had eight receptions for a game-high 114 yards and one touchdown, while Mike Williams added a game-high nine catches for 112 yards and a touchdown. It marked the first time Clemson had two 100-yard receivers in a bowl game.

Scott started the scoring when he took a screen pass 65 yards for a touchdown on Clemson's first offensive play of the game, and the first play call by Co-Offensive Coordinator Tony Elliott.

The Tigers' top-ranked defense did not disappoint, forcing five turnovers and holding Oklahoma to 275 yards and a lone score in the fourth quarter. Defensively, Korrin Wiggins had a team-tying-high six tackles and an interception. Ben Boulware had a 47-yard interception return for a touchdown and recovered a fumble. Grady Jarrett added 3.5 tackles for loss, while Vic Beasley had three tackles for loss.

In their first game as co-offensive coordinators, Tony Elliott and Jeff Scott put together a gameplan that resulted in 40 points.

"It's hard to start your playcalling career better than that," said Swinney. "We were in sync and in rhythm.

"We're not going anywhere. This is another big win for our program, a great way to end 2014. And I can't wait for 2015."

GAME STATS

Oklahoma	**0**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**6**
Clemson	**17**	**10**	**13**	**0**	**40**

CU	A. Scott 65 pass from Stoudt (Lakip kick), 1st, 13:26, 1-65
CU	Lakip 34 FG, 1st, 8:21, 9-37
CU	Boulware 47 interception return (Lakip kick), 1st, 3:25
CU	Lakip 49 FG, 2nd, 14:00, 9-48
CU	M. Williams 26 pass from Stoudt (Lakip kick), 2nd, 7:34, 14-80
CU	Stoudt 2 run (Lakip kick), 3rd, 9:24, 5-50
CU	Hopper 24 pass from Stoudt (Lakip kick failed), 3rd, 1:42, 11-80
OKL	Ross 11 run (Hunnicutt kick failed), 4th, 6:57, 5-43

Attendance - 40,071

Team Statistics	OKL	CU
Rushing	31-172	42-68
Passing	17-37-3	26-37-0
Passing Yards	103	319
Total Offense	68-275	79-387

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
OKL Perine 23-134, Ross 2-31-1, Ford 4-8, T. Knight 2-(-1)
CU Gallman 19-55, Dye 6-13, A. Scott 1-6, Davidson 2-3, Goode 2-2, Howard 3-1, Schuessler 1-(-4), Stoudt 8-(-8)-1

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
OKL T. Knight 17-37-103-3-0
CU Stoudt 26-36-319-0-3, Olson 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
OKL Quick 7-46, Perine 3-22, Flowers 2-17, Neal 2-5, Shepard 1-13, Bell 1-1, Ross 1-(-1)
CU M. Williams 9-112-1, A. Scott 8-114-1, Humphries 5-28, Peake 2-40, Hopper 1-24-1, Howard 1-1

2015 ORANGE BOWL

CLEMSON	**37**
OKLAHOMA	**17**

DEC. 31, 2015
SUN LIFE STADIUM • MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Oklahoma: ..... Bob Stoops

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 13-0 ..... No. 1
Oklahoma: ..... 11-1 ..... No. 4

Clemson outscored Oklahoma 21-0 in the second half and defeated the Sooners 37-17 in the semifinals of the College Football Playoff at the Orange Bowl in Miami, FL. With the win the No. 1 Tigers advance to the National Championship game against No. 2 Alabama.

The two teams traded scores in the first half and the Sooners took a 17-16 lead at intermission. Clemson gained 305 yards of total offense in the first half, but still trailed by a point.

Oklahoma scored first on its first drive of the game, then Clemson scored 13 straight points to take a 13-7 lead. A key play took place in the second period when the Tigers executed a fake punt. Punter Andy Teasdall threw a pass out of punt formation to Christian Wilkins, normally a defensive tackle, who was on the field as a blocking back.

Wilkins 31 yard reception set up a Deshaun Watson five yard run that gave Clemson a 10-7 lead. Greg Huegel booted three field goals in the first half, but Oklahoma took the lead just before the half on a 11 yard pass from Baker Mayfield to Mark Andrews.

It was all Clemson in the second half as the Tigers shutout the high scoring Sooners, who had won seven straight entering the contest.

Clemson's ground game was dominant as Wayne Gallman finished with 150 yards rushing and Watson added 145. It was the first time in history Clemson had a pair of 140-yard rushers in the same game.

Gallman scored on a one yard run on Clemson's first drive of the second half to take a 23-17 lead. Hunter Renfrow then caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Watson to give Clemson a 30-17 lead entering the fourth period. Gallman then put the game away with 10:48 left on a four yard run.

Clemson's defense forced two turnovers in the second half, interceptions by starting linebackers B.J. Goodson and Ben Boulware. It was the second straight year Boulware had an interception, a first for a Clemson linebacker.

T.J. Green led Clemson tacklers with 10, but Boulware was named the MVP with the interception, eight tackles and a sack. Kevin Dodd added 3.5 tackles for loss, including a sack, as Clemson held the Sooners to just 67 rushing yards on 40 attempts.

Watson finished 16-31 for 187 yards and a touchdown, but his 145 yards rushing gave him 332 yards of total offense. Artavis Scott was Clemson's top receiver with 5-63 and Renfrow added four catches for 59.

Huegel finished 3-4 on field goals and scored 13 of Clemson's points. With Renfrow's touchdown, it gave Clemson 19 points from walkons, more than the Sooners scored as a team for the entire game.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**3**	**13**	**14**	**7**	**37**
Oklahoma	**7**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**17**

OU	Perine 1 run (Seibert kick), 1st, 11:16, 10-75
CU	Huegel 26 FG, 1st, 3:45, 9-19
CU	Watson 5 run (Huegel kick), 2nd, 12:45, 7-96
CU	Huegel 36 FG, 2nd, 7:05, 10-62
OU	Seibert 22 FG, 2nd, 4:41, 10-67
CU	Huegel 43 FG, 2nd, 2:17, 9-49
OU	Andrews 11 pass from Mayfield (Seibert kick), 2nd 1:34, 4-76
CU	Gallman 1 run (Huegel kick), 3rd, 10:51, 12-75
CU	Renfrow 35 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 3rd, 4:07, 4-70
CU	Gallman 4 run (Huegel kick), 4th, 10:48, 9-50

Attendance - 67,615

Team Statistics	OU	CU
Rushing	33-67	58-312
Passing-Yards	26-43-311	17-32-218

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
OU Perine 15-58-1, Westbrook 1-18, Shepard 1-5, Mixon 3-4, Ross 2-(-1), Mayfield 10-(-15)
CU Gallman 26-150-2, Watson 24-145-1, Brooks 3-19, McCloud 1-8, Scott 1-(-7)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
OU Mayfield 26-41-311-2-1, Thomas 0-2-0-0-0
CU Watson 16-31-187-1-1, Teasdall 1-1-31-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
OU Shepard 7-87, Westbrook 4-69, Baxter 3-36, Mixon 3-11, Neal 2-32, Andrews 2-32, Perine 2-23, Mead 2-18, Quick 1-2
CU Scott 5-63, Renfrow 4-59-1, Peake 4-54, McCloud 2-6, Wilkins 1-31, Leggett 1-5

2016 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

ALABAMA	**45**
CLEMSON	**40**

JAN. 11, 2016
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM • GLENDALE, ARIZ.

Head Coaching Matchup
Alabama: ..... Nick Saban
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Alabama: ..... 13-1 ..... No. 2
Clemson: ..... 14-0 ..... No. 1

Clemson fought valiantly and held a fourth-quarter lead, but late special teams plays by Alabama proved to be the difference in the College Football Playoff National Championship as the Crimson Tide prevailed, 45-40. The Tigers finished the 2015 season with a 14-1 record.

Deshaun Watson was brilliant in defeat, accounting for a career-high 478 yards of total offense and four touchdowns through the air. The sophomore signal-caller finished in fine fashion, becoming the first quarterback in FBS history with at least 4,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a season. Defensively, Kevin Dodd was a bright spot with a career-high five tackles for loss.

The Tigers lost for the first time history when producing 500+ yards of total offense. Clemson finished with 550 yards to Alabama's 473, but the Crimson Tide scored on a kickoff return for touchdown in the fourth quarter that provided momentum. Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry finished with 36 carries for 158 yards for the Tide.

Henry struck first, scoring on a 50-yard scamper in which he went untouched over the right side of the defense. But Clemson answered quickly when Watson found former walk-on Hunter Renfrow on a beautiful 31-yard pass into the right corner of the endzone to knot the score at 7-7. The two connected again a drive later when Watson hit him in the middle of the endzone to give the Tigers a 14-7 cushion after the first quarter. Renfrow finished with a season-high seven catches.

Watson was intercepted on the Tigers' ensuing possession, which gave Alabama great field position. The Crimson Tide took advantage, with Henry plunging in from a yard out in the second quarter. Neither team scored again, with Alabama blocking a 44-yard field goal try by Greg Huegel in the final seconds.

The Crimson Tide posted the opening score after halftime. Following a Clemson three-and-out, Jake Coker lofted a 53-yard touchdown pass to O.J. Howard after busted coverage allowed him to run open.

As he did all night, Watson had the answer. First, he drove the Tigers down for a field goal. Then, he weaved through traffic time and again to set up Clemson's go-ahead score, a one-yard rush by Wayne Gallman that made the lead 24-21 heading into the final quarter.

Alabama tied it on a field goal early in the period, and then executed a perfect surprise onside kick to recover at midfield. Two plays later, the Tide went up 31-24 on a second touchdown pass from Coker to Howard.

After the lead stretched to 38-27 on the kickoff return for a touchdown, Watson went back to work. He got Clemson in scoring position and hit Artavis Scott and Jordan Leggett on easy touchdowns that cut the deficit to 45-40, but it was too late for a Tiger comeback.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**14**	**0**	**10**	**16**	**40**
Alabama	**7**	**7**	**7**	**24**	**45**

ALA	Henry 50 run (Griffith kick), 1st, 7:55, 3-59
CU	Renfrow 31 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 1st, 5:18 , 6-54
CU	Renfrow 11 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 1st, 0:00, 7-73
ALA	Henry 1 run (Griffith kick), 2nd, 9:35, 7-42
ALA	Howard 53 pass from Coker (Griffith kick), 12:53, 3-64
CU	Huegel 37 FG, 3rd 10:10, 9-55
CU	Gallman 1 run (Huegel kick), 3rd, 4:48, 9-60
ALA	Griffith 33 FG, 4th, 10:34, 8-64
ALA	Howard 51 pass from Coker, 4th, 9:45, 2-50
CU	Huegel 31 FG, 4th, 7:47, 6-61
ALA	Drake 95 kickoff return, 4th 7:31
CU	Scott 15 pass from Watson (Watson rush failed), 4th, 4:40, 8-75
ALA	Henry 1 run (Griffith kick), 4th 1:07, 8-75
CU	Leggett 24 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 4th, 0:12, 6-68

Attendance - 75,765

Team Statistics	ALA	CU
Rushing	46-138	38-145
Passing-Yards	16-25-335	30-47-405

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
ALA Henry 36-158-3, Drake 1-1, Coker 8-(-20)-0
CU Watson 20-73, Gallman 14-45-1, Scott 2-19

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
ALA Coker 16-25-335-0-2
CU Watson 30-47-405-1-4

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
ALA Ridley 6-14, Howard 5-208-2, Stewart 2-63, Drake 2-21, Mullaney 1-29
CU Renfrow 7-88-2, Peake 6-99, Leggett 5-78-1, Brooks 4-39, Scott 4-33-1, Gallman 3-61, McCloud 1-7

2016 FIESTA BOWL

CLEMSON	**31**
OHIO STATE	**0**

DEC. 31, 2016
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM • GLENDALE, ARIZ.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Ohio State: ..... Urban Meyer

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 12-1 ..... No. 3
Ohio State: ..... 12-1 ..... No. 2

Clemson used a dominating defense and the efficient all-around play of quarterback Deshaun Watson to defeat No. 2 ranked Ohio State, 31-0 in the Playstation Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz. It was the worst margin of defeat in a bowl game in Ohio State history.

It marked the first time an Urban Meyer coached team has been shutout in 194 games and the first time Ohio State was shut out since 1993. Ohio State entered the game averaging 42.7 points per game, ninth in the nation, and 480 yards per game total offense. Buckeye quarterback J.T Barrett had just 127 yards passing and -2 rushing.

Overall, Ohio State had just 88 yards rushing and 127 passing for 215 yards of total offense. They averaged just 3.8 yards a play and had just nine first downs.

Watson, the offensive MVP of the game, hit on 26-36 passes for 259 yards and a score. He added 57 yards rushing and two scores. Wayne Gallman was Clemson's top rusher with 85 yards on 18 attempts and a score. Mike Williams had six catches for 96 yards, while Hunter Renfrow added 5-50.

Clelin Ferrell was named the defensive player-of-the-game thanks to his three tackles for loss, including a sack. Van Smith led the Clemson defense with nine tackles, while Carlos Watkins had two sacks, giving him 10.5 for the season, a record for a Clemson defensive lineman.

Ohio State missed two field goals in the first quarter and those misses proved to be momentum swaying plays. Clemson's Greg Huegel hit on a 45-yarder in the first quarter to give Clemson a 3-0 advantage. The Tigers later scored again in the opening period on a one-yard run by Watson, a play that culminated a 70-yard scoring drive.

It became 17-0 at halftime when Watson found reserve running back C.J. Fuller out of the backfield on a wheel route. Fuller made the catch in the endzone to give Clemson a 17-0 lead. Fuller, from nearby Easley, S.C., had just four catches for 17 yards all year before that play.

The Tigers made it 31-0 with 8:47 left. Clemson took over at the Ohio State seven after Van Smith intercepted the ball at the Clemson seven, then ran 86 yards to the Ohio State seven to set up Watson's last score. It was the fifth longest interception return in school history, longest in a bowl game.

The victory was Clemson's first against the No. 2 ranked team in the AP poll, the highest ranked win in Clemson history at the time. It also gave Clemson a 3-0 record against Ohio State, all wins in bowl games. It was the third shutout of the season for the Tigers, most in a season since 1991.

GAME STATS

Ohio State	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Clemson	**10**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**31**

CU	Huegel 45 FG, 1st, 9:16, 7-42
CU	Watson 1 run (Huegel kick), 1st, 2:16, 10-70
CU	Fuller 30 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 2nd, 2:21, 8-83
CU	Watson 7 run (Huegel kick), 3rd, 2:06, 5-40
CU	Gallman 7 run (Huegel kick), 4th, 8:51, 2-7

Attendance - 71, 279 **Weather -** Indoors

Team Statistics	OSU	CU
Rushes-Yards	23-88	48-205
Passing	19-33-127	24-37-265

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
OS Samuel 6-67, Weber 5-24, Barrett 11-(-2)
CU Gallman 18-85-1, Watson 15-57-2, Schuessler 1-19, Choice 4-15, Feaster 3-12, Scott 3-8, McCloud 2-8, Fuller 1-3

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
OS Barrett 19-33-127-2-0
CU Watson 23-36-259-2-1, Schuessler 1-1-6-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
OS Samuel 9-43, Weber 3-4, Smith 2-27, Brown 2-17, Victor 1-21, Hill 1-8, McLaurin 1-7
CU M. Williams 6-96, Renfrow 5-50, McCloud 4-29, Fuller 3-45-1, Scott 2-16, Gallman 1-10, Cain 1-9, G. Williams 1-6, Leggett 1-4

2017 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

CLEMSON	**35**
ALABAMA	**31**

JAN. 9, 2017
RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM • TAMPA, FLA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Alabama: ..... Nick Saban

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 13-1 ..... No. 3
Alabama: ..... 14-0 ..... No. 1

In his final game as a Tiger, Deshaun Watson completed 36-56 passes for 420 yards and three scores, and added 43 rushing yards and a touchdown to lead Clemson to a 35-31 win over Alabama in the CFP National Championship Game to close the 2016 season.

Watson completed a two-yard scoring pass to Hunter Renfrow with one second left to give the Tigers the win and the school's first national title since 1981.

Watson was the MVP on offense thanks to his 463 total yards and four total touchdowns. The previous year against Alabama in the title game, he had 405 passing yards and 73 rushing yards for 478 total yards and four scoring passes. Alabama entered the game first in the nation in scoring defense and total defense.

Clemson did not have a 100-yard receiver, but had four players between 92 and 95 yards receiving in a game for the first time in history. Renfrow ended the contest with 10 catches for 92 yards.

While the score was close, many of the team numbers were not. Clemson ran 99 offensive plays to 66 for Alabama, and controlled the clock for 34:44. Clemson won the passing yardage 420-155 and total offense, 511-376. Clemson had 31 first downs to 16 for Alabama. Alabama was just 2-15 on third down, meaning Alabama and Ohio State were a combined 5-29 on third down in the two playoff games.

Alabama jumped out to a 14-0 lead behind the running of Bo Scarborough. He scored on runs of 25 and 37 yards, one in each quarter. Clemson then came back to within a score on an eight-yard run by Watson to make the count 14-7 at the half.

Alabama outscored Clemson 10-7 in the third quarter to take a 24-14 lead entering the fourth quarter. The Crimson Tide had won 97 consecutive games when having a double digit lead in the fourth period.

But the Tigers scored a pair of touchdowns in the fourth to take a 31-28 lead with 4:38 left.

Alabama came back on its next possession to go 68 yards for a score. Jalen Hurts scored on a 30-yard run with 2:07 left.

Clemson came back with a 68-yard drive of its own. The drive included a 24-yard pass to Williams, a six-yard completion to Renfrow on third-and-three and a 17-yard pass to Leggett that brought the ball to the Alabama nine with 14 seconds left.

A pass interference penalty on a pass to Williams in the endzone brought the ball to the two. On the next play Watson hit Renfrow with the game winner.

The victory gave Clemson a 14-1 record to finish the season, the same as Alabama. Both teams tied the national record for wins in a season.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**7**	**7**	**21**	**35**
Alabama	**7**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**31**

ALA	Scarbrough 25 Run (Griffith kick), 1st, 9:23, 3-59
ALA	Scarbrough 37 Run (Griffith kick), 2nd, 10:42, 5-74
CU	Watson 8 Run (Huegel kick), 2nd, 6:09, 7-87
ALA	Griffith 27 FG, 3rd, 12:25, 4-7
CU	Renfrow 24 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 3rd, 7:10, 4-42
ALA	Howard 68 pass from Hurts (Griffith kick), 3rd, 1:53, 1:53, 4-79
CU	M. Williams 4 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 4th 14:00, 9-72
CU	Gallman 1 Run (Huegel kick), 4th, 4:38, 6-88
ALA	Hurts 30 Run (Griffith kick), 4th, 2:07, 6-68
CU	Renfrow 2 pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 4th, 0:01, 9-68

Attendance - 74,512 **Weather -** Clear, 56°

Team Statistics	CU	ALA
Rushes-Yards	42-91	34-221
Passing	36-57-420	14-32-155

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Gallman 18-46-1, Watson 21-43-1, Fuller 1-3, A. Scott 1-0, Team 1-(-1)
ALA Scarbrough 16-93-2, Hurts 10-63-1, Stewart 1-25, Harris 5-24, Jacobs 2-16

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Watson 36-56-420-0-3, Team 0-1-0-0-0
ALA Hurts 13-31-131-0-1, Stewart 1-1-24-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Renfrow 10-92-2, M. Williams 8-94-1, Leggett 7-95, Cain 5-94, Gallman 3-39, A. Scott 3-6
ALA Ridley 5-36, Howard 4-106-1, Stewart 2-12, Scarbrough 2-7, Harris 1-(-6)

2018 SUGAR BOWL

ALABAMA	**24**
CLEMSON	**6**

JAN. 1, 2018
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME • NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Alabama: ..... Nick Saban
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Alabama: ..... 11-1 ..... No. 4
Clemson: ..... 12-1 ..... No. 1

The No. 1 Clemson football team suffered its second and final defeat of the 2017-18 season, falling 24-6 to the No. 4 Alabama Crimson Tide in the Sugar Bowl and College Football Playoff Semifinal. With the loss, Clemson ended the year with a 12-2 overall record, while Alabama improved to 12-1 overall.

After Clemson forced a three-and-out on Alabama's first drive, the Tide capitalized on their second drive by hitting a 24-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead with just over five minutes remaining in the first quarter. Alabama upped its lead to 10-0 as time was expiring in the first quarter when Jalen Hurts connected with Calvin Ridley for a 12-yard score.

Clemson got on the board five minutes into the second quarter on an Alex Spence 44-yard field goal. Deon Cain, who finished the game as the Tigers' leading receiver, had two catches for 27 yards to power the scoring drive that brought the Tide lead to 10-3. Both defenses proved stout for the rest of the half, with either team's best scoring chance coming on a failed 38-yard field goal by Alabama with 17 seconds left.

The Tigers opened the second half by cutting Alabama's lead to 10-6 on a Spence 42-yard field goal. The score was set up by Kendall Joseph causing and recovering a fumble on the Alabama 20-yard line on the Tide's first play of the half. A few drives later, Alabama's Da'Ron Payne intercepted a Bryant pass and returned it 21 yards, paving the way for Hurts to find Payne for a one-yard touchdown. Alabama found the endzone again immediately, as Mack Wilson intercepted Bryant's first pass on the next Clemson drive and returned it 18 yards for a score with just over five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

After the pick-six, the Tide took a 24-6 lead into the final 15 minutes, and that proved to be the final score after both defenses kept both offenses at bay.

The two teams combined for just 449 yards of total offense, the fewest in a Sugar Bowl since 1969.

GAME STATS

Alabama	**10**	**0**	**14**	**0**	**24**
Clemson	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**6**

ALA	Pappanastos 24 FG, 1st, 5:23, 10-47
ALA	Ridley 12 pass from Hurts (Pappanastos kick), 1st :12, 8-46
CU	Spence 44 FG, 2nd, 10:00, 13-54
CU	Spence 42 FG, 3rd, 12:45, 4-(-5)
ALA	Payne 1 pass from Hurts (Pappanastos kick), 3rd 5:40 7-27
ALA	Wilson 18 pass inter. return (Pappanastos kick), 3rd 5:27

Attendance - 72,360 **Weather -** Indoors

Team Statistics	ALA	CU
Rushes-Yards	42-141	33-64
Passing	16-24-120	18-37-124

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
ALA Harris 19-77, Hurts 11-40, Scarbrough 12-24
CU Etienne 4-22, Bryant 19-19, Choice 5-14, Feaster 4-10

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
ALA Hurts 15-24-120-0-2
CU Bryant 18-36-124-2-0, Feaster 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
ALA Ridley 4-39-1, Ruggs 2-25, Scarbrough 2-16, Harris 2-4, Jacobs 2-3 Harris 1-22, Smith 1-6, Smith 1-4, Payne 1-1-1
CU Cain 6-27, Renfrow 5-31, McCloud 3-1, Feaster 2-(-3), Rodgers 1-15, Richard 1-4

2018 COTTON BOWL

CLEMSON	**30**
NOTRE DAME	**3**

DEC. 29, 2018
AT&T STADIUM • ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Notre Dame:..... Brian Kelly

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 13-0 ..... No. 2
Notre Dame:..... 12-0 ..... No. 3

No. 2 Clemson advanced to its third College Football Playoff National Championship Game in four years by defeating No. 3 Notre Dame 30-3 in the Cotton Bowl at AT&T Stadium.

Quarterback Trevor Lawrence, the game's Most Outstanding Offensive Player, completed 27-39 pass attempts for 327 yards and three touchdowns, including 19-26 for 264 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Justyn Ross in the first half alone. Travis Etienne ran for 109 yards on 14 carries, including a 62-yard touchdown run that pushed him past Wayne Gallman's 2015 school mark for the most rushing yards in a single season. Austin Bryant added two sacks and six total tackles en route to Most Outstanding Defensive Player honors.

Both defenses proved stout in the first quarter, as the team's traded field goals by Clemson's Greg Huegel and Notre Dame's Justin Yoon. Yoon's field goal proved to be the only scoring Clemson allowed all game.

The Tigers first found the end zone on a 52-yard scoring connection from Lawrence to Ross that put Clemson at a 9-3 advantage. Ross also hauled in a 42-yard pass from Lawrence for his second touchdown of the day 11 minutes later. Tee Higgins then sealed the quarter with an acrobatic, juggling 19-yard touchdown reception that gave Clemson a 23-3 lead with two seconds remaining in the half.

The first score of the third quarter, which would ultimately be the final score of the game, came with two minutes remaining in the quarter, when Etienne broke away for the 62-yard touchdown rush that was set up by a Nolan Turner interception three plays earlier. A scoreless fourth quarter left the final score at 30-3. It was the fewest points in a bowl game in Notre Dame history.

GAME STATS

Notre Dame	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**
Clemson	**3**	**20**	**7**	**0**	**30**

CU	Huegel 40 FG, 1st, 8:35, 9-31
ND	Yoon 28 FG, 1st, 4:31, 10-66
CU	Ross 52 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick blocked), 2nd, 12:50, 3-65
CU	Ross 42 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick), 2nd, 1:44, 8-85
CU	Higgins 19 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick), 2nd, :02, 4-80
CU	Etienne 62 run (Huegel kick), 3rd, 2:04, 3-71

Attendance - 72,183 **Weather -** Indoors

Team Statistics	**ND**	**CU**
Rushes-Yards	35-88	37-211
Passing	17-34-160	27-41-327

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
ND Williams 16-54, Book 17-30, Armstrong 1-6
CU Etienne 14-109-1, Brice 2-31, Choice 2-30, Feaster 4-20, Dixon 6-11, Lawrence 7-6, Overton 1-3, Rencher 1-1

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
ND Book 17-34-160-1-0
CU Lawrence 27-39-327-0-3, Brice 0-2-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
ND Boykin 5-69, Williams 3-29, Finke 2-24, Mack 2-11, Armstrong 2-8, Claypool 2-8, Kmet 1-11
CU Ross 6-148-2, Rodgers 6-26, Renfrow 4-62, Higgins 4-53-1, Chase 2-17, Thompson 2-8, Etienne 1-8, Feaster 1-3, Swinney 1-2

2019 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

CLEMSON	**44**
ALABAMA	**16**

JAN. 7, 2019
LEVI'S STADIUM • SANTA CLARA, CALIF.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Alabama: .....Nick Saban

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 14-0 ..... No. 2
Alabama: ..... 14-0 ..... No. 1

No. 2 Clemson defeated No. 1 Alabama in resounding fashion, 44-16, en route to winning the College Football Playoff National Championship. With the win, Clemson finished the season with a perfect 15-0 record, making the 2018 Tiger squad the first major college football team in the modern era to go 15-0.

Quarterback Trevor Lawrence completed 20-32 pass attempts for 347 yards and three touchdowns. Justyn Ross amassed 153 yards and a score on six catches. Travis Etienne also scored three total touchdowns, including two on the ground.

Clemson took an early lead when A.J. Terrell intercepted a Tua Tagovailoa pass and returned it 44 yards for a score. The team's would post 27 points in the opening seven minutes as Clemson led 14-13 after one quarter.

The Tide opened the second quarter with a 25-yard field goal to take their only lead of the game at 16-14, but that proved to be all the Alabama scoring that the Clemson defense allowed. In the third quarter, the Clemson defense stuffed a fake field goal attempt and forced an Alabama turnover on downs. The Tiger offense, in turn, posted 13 third-quarter points via a 74-yard scoring connection from Lawrence to Ross and a five-yard touchdown reception by Tee Higgins, with the latter set up by a pair of acrobatic catches by Ross.

Clemson held the ball for the final 10:04 of the game, the longest drive in terms of time in Tiger history.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**14**	**17**	**13**	**0**	**44**
Alabama	**13**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**16**

CU	Terrell 44 interception return (Huegel kick), 1st, 13:20
ALA	Jeudy 62 pass from Tagovailoa (Bulovas kick), 1st, 12:05, 3-75
CU	Etienne 17 run (Huegel kick), 1st, 10:35, 4-75
ALA	Hentges 1 pass from Tagovailoa (Bulovas kick failed), 1st, 6:23, 10-75
ALA	Bulovas 25 FG, 2nd, 14:18, 11-45
CU	Etienne 1 run (Huegel kick), 2nd, 11:38, 6-65
CU	Etienne 5 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick), 2nd, 4:38, 8-47
CU	Huegel 36 FG, 2nd, :45, 8-61
CU	Ross 74 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick failed), 3rd, 8:26, 3-76
CU	Higgins 5 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick), 3rd, :21, 12-89

Attendance - 74,814 **Weather -** Cloudy, 61°

Team Statistics	**CU**	**ALA**
Rushes-Yards	31-135	37-148
Passing	20-32-347	22-36-295

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Etienne 14-86-2, Lawrence 6-27, Choice 7-12, Feaster 3-11, Brice 1-(1)
ALA N. Harris 9-59, D. Harris 11-57, Jacobs 11-47, Jones 1-(2), Hurts 1-(4), Tagovailoa 4-(9)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Lawrence 20-32-347-0-3
ALA Tagovailoa 22-34-295-2-2, Hurts 0-2-0-0-0

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Ross 6-153-1, Higgins 3-81-1, Rodgers 2-30, Feaster 2-29, Thompson 2-27, Renfrow 2-10, Overton 1-12, Etienne 1-5-1, Chase 1-0
ALA D. Smith 6-65, Jeudy 5-139-1, I. Smith Jr. 4-43, Waddle 2-25, D. Harris 2-3, Jacobs 1-16, Ruggs 1-3, Hentges 1-1-1

2019 FIESTA BOWL

CLEMSON	**29**
OHIO STATE	**23**

DEC. 28, 2019
STATE FARM STADIUM • GLENDALE, ARIZ.

Head Coaching Matchup
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney
Ohio State: ..... Ryan Day

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Clemson: ..... 13-0 ..... No. 3
Ohio State: ..... 13-0 ..... No. 2

Clemson overcame a 16-point deficit and recorded the fifth-largest comeback in school history when the No. 3 Tigers defeated No. 2 Ohio State in the College Football Playoff semifinal at the Fiesta Bowl.

In the first matchup of 13-0 teams in CFP history, Ohio State ran out to a 16-0 first-half lead, but Clemson minimized the damage by holding the Buckeyes to field goals on all three red-zone trips. Three Blake Haubeil field goals and a 68-yard run by J.K. Dobbins provided the 16-point margin with 7:20 remaining in the second quarter.

The game turned on a targeting penalty on Ohio State's Shaun Wade that negated a third-down stop to extend a Clemson drive. The Tigers scored on the drive on an eight-yard touchdown run by Travis Etienne, and Trevor Lawrence cut the halftime score to 16-14 with a career-long 67-yard scoring run on the following drive.

Clemson took its first lead on a 53-yard receiving touchdown by Etienne in the third quarter. The Buckeyes reclaimed the lead on a 23-yard touchdown pass to Chris Olave on fourth down in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 23-21, Clemson took the ball at its own six, and Lawrence guided the Tigers 94 yards in four plays for a go-ahead touchdown pass to Etienne with 1:49 remaining in the game. Ohio State drove to the Clemson 23, but Clemson's second interception of the game, a pick by Nolan Turner, sealed the victory to send the Tigers to the national championship game.

With the victory, Clemson improved to 4-0 all-time against Ohio State.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**0**	**14**	**7**	**8**	**29**
Ohio State	**10**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**23**

OSU Haubeil 21 FG, 1st, 12:03, 10-71
OSU Dobbins 68 run (Haubeil kick), 1st, 8:35, 1-68
OSU Haubeil 22 FG, 2nd, 14:11, 7-75
OSU Haubeil 33 FG, 2nd, 7:20, 14-70
CU Etienne 8 run (Potter kick), 2nd, 2:45, 10-75
CU Lawrence 67 run (Potter kick), 2nd, 1:10, 5-83
CU Etienne 53 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick), 3rd, 7:54, 7-99
OSU Olave 23 pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 4th, 11:46, 13-84
CU Etienne 34 pass from Lawrence (Potter kick), 4th, 1:49, 4-94

Attendance - 71,330 **Weather -** Indoors

Team Statistics	CU	OSU
Rushes-Yards	29-158	39-196
Passing	18-33-259	30-46-320

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Lawrence 16-107-1, Etienne 10-36-1, Dixon 1-17, TEAM 2-(-2)
OSU Dobbins 18-174-1, Fields 14-13, Teague 7-9

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Lawrence 18-33-259-0-2
OSU Fields 30-46-320-2-1

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Ross 6-47, Higgins 4-33, Etienne 3-98-2, Overton 2-30, Rodgers 1-38, Ngata 1-11, Dixon 1-2
OSU Hill 6-67, Mack 6-54, Dobbins 6-47, Wilson 4-47, Olave 3-50-1, Victor 3-38, Farrell 1-11, Ruckert 1-6

2020 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

LOUISIANA STATE	**42**
CLEMSON	**25**

JAN. 13, 2020
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME • NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Head Coaching Matchup
Louisiana State: ..... Ed Orgeron
Clemson: ..... Dabo Swinney

Records & AP Ranking Entering Game
Louisiana State: ..... 14-0 ..... No. 1
Clemson: ..... 14-0 ..... No. 3

No. 3 Clemson lost its first game in more than two years, falling to No. 1 Louisiana State 42-25 in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game at Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Clemson's seniors closed their careers with a 55-4 record, tying the FBS record held by the 2018 Clemson and Alabama seniors.

The loss snapped Clemson's 29-game winning streak, tied for the longest in ACC history and tied for the 12th longest in FBS history.

In the contest, Travis Etienne became Clemson's all-time leading rusher, passing Raymond Priester's former of 3,966 yards.

Clemson struck first, with Trevor Lawrence finding the endzone on the ground. After a Louisiana State scoring strike, B.T. Potter put Clemson back on top with a career-long 52-yard field goal, which also marked the longest field goal in CFP Championship Game history.

After a stop, Tee Higgins took his first career carry, a reverse, 36 yards for a touchdown. On that drive, Clemson went 96 yards in just four plays to take a 17-7 lead. From there, Louisiana State closed the first half scoring three touchdowns in the final 9:17, including a 95-yard drive that gave the SEC Tigers a 28-17 lead at halftime.

Clemson made a statement out of halftime, sacking Joe Burrow on third down to end the first drive, and then Clemson drove 50 yards on six plays, punctuated with an Etienne rushing score and an Amari Rodgers two-point conversion to climb back in it at 28-25.

However, Louisiana State scored two unanswered touchdowns to take a 42-25 lead with 12:08 to play in the contest, a lead it would hold for the remainder of the game.

GAME STATS

Clemson	**7**	**10**	**8**	**0**	**25**
Louisiana State	**7**	**21**	**7**	**7**	**42**

CU Lawrence 1 run (Potter kick), 1st, 6:34, 5-67
LSU Chase 52 pass from Burrow (York kick), 1st, 2:20, 4-70
CU Potter 52 FG, 2nd, 13:43, 9-40
CU Higgins 36 run (Potter kick), 2nd, 10:38, 4-96
LSU Burrow 3 run (York kick), 2nd, 9:17, 5-75
LSU Chase 14 pass from Burrow (York kick), 2nd, 5:19, 6-87
LSU Moss 6 pass from Burrow (York kick), 2nd, 0:10, 11-95
CU Etienne 3 run (Rodgers pass from Lawrence), 3rd, 10:49, 6-50
LSU Moss 4 pass from Burrow (York kick), 3rd, 5:13, 6-68
LSU Marshall 24 pass from Burrow (York kick), 4th, 12:08, 8-57

Attendance - 76,885 **Weather -** Indoors

Team Statistics	CU	LSU
Rushes-Yards	28-160	32-165
Passing	18-37-234	31-49-463

Rushing (Car-Yards-TD)
CU Etienne 15-78-1, Lawrence 10-49-1, Higgins 1-36-1, Dixon 1-(-1), TEAM 1-(-2)
LSU Edwards-Helaire 16-110, Burrow 14-58-1, TEAM 2-(-3)

Passing (Cm-Att-Yards-I-TD)
CU Lawrence 18-37-234-0-0
LSU Burrow 31-49-463-0-5

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD)
CU Ross 5-76, Etienne 5-36, Higgins 3-52, Galloway 2-60, Rodgers 2-8, Dixon 1-2
LSU Chase 9-221-2, Jefferson 9-106, Edwards-Helaire 5-54, Moss 5-36, Marshall 3-46

-- CLEMSON --

New faces, same places

BY LARRY WILLIAMS, TIGER ILLUSTRATED
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CLEMSON | It would be one thing if this were the NFL and a dynasty could be built on the sweet-spot jackpot of hitting on a nucleus of stars who hang around for years and years.

That phenomenon does apply at Clemson, but only on the sideline. The constant has been superstar coaches who decide life is too good here to go sniffing around for allegedly greener grass elsewhere.

But relative to the X's and O's those coaches move around on a dry-erase board but then must set free to flourish or flail under the lights in front of the nation, there's constant flux.

Eligibility is finite. Beyond that, there's an endless succession of curveballs.

Sometimes a curveball works dramatically in your favor, as in the decisions of so many recent foundational players to return for their senior seasons instead of turning pro (hello, Travis Etienne).

Sometimes it works against you, as in Justyn Ross' scary neck injury or Demarkcus Bowman's decision to transfer after half a cup of coffee in the Upstate.

Sometimes the vexing pitch comes in the form of a development from afar, as seen last season when a team very much capable of winning its third national championship in four years was derailed by a freakish confluence of talent and coaching in Baton Rouge.

The only choice you have amid the certainty of change, if you want to build something lasting and something special, is to find the solid ground and start the foundation of sameness there.

That's what Dabo Swinney was getting at late last night when asked about his team's cultural familiarity with handling itself the way it did yet again in a big-stage setting.

"It's just our DNA," he said. "That's what we've built our program for and from. We've been in a lot of big games. It's one of those things that gets woven into the culture here, from the seniors to the juniors to the sophomores and new guys coming in.

"We're not just a team year-in and year-out. We're a program. It's the culture that we have. The belief. These guys believe. They expect to win."

A few moments later he delivered the operative part of last night's dissection of Miami -- and of the genius in the sameness he has constructed.

"Every year you start over and it's a new team."

Yes, what happened last night was built largely on two transcendent players who look like the best two players in college football. That helps.

But Swinney's program is confronting significant flux this year. Tee Higgins' early departure and Ross' injury mean they're learning and growing at receiver.

On the offensive line there are new starting faces in four of the five spots.

On the other side, a vast array of players at all three levels are seeing prominent roles for the first time.

Yes, we know Clemson's front-line players are still stacked with talent. We saw that in the very first game at Wake Forest.

But the high level of inexperience means it's going to be less than perfect sometimes, particularly early in the season, as they go through growing pains. We saw that eight days ago against Virginia.

So the most eye-opening part of last night wasn't what we knew would probably happen courtesy of the hands and feet of Trevor Lawrence and Etienne, or the been-there-done-that currency shown off by Tyler Davis, Derion Kendrick or James Skalski, or the yet-again artful scheming by two of the coaching constants (Tony Elliott and Brent Venables), or the familiar motivational buttons pushed all week by the head man in the wake of a sloppy showing the week before.

The most resounding message was sent by the players who made you think going in that if there is a time to get these guys this year, now is that time.

So welcome to the party Andrew Booth and Sheridan Jones. Same to you, Jordan McFadden and Will Putnam. And you too, Baylon Spector and Mike Jones and Davis Allen and ...

The list goes on and on. The names keep changing, but the DNA remains the same.

"To have consistency, we talk about competitive stamina," Swinney said. "It's fun to win. But the joy has to be in the opportunity to win again. That's just a mindset."

Miami stood no chance against that competitive stamina. And by the looks of a wild and crazy Saturday of football elsewhere, good luck finding another team out there that can match this.

Swinney said his guys "have been in a lot of big games and the lights aren't too bright for them."

But that wasn't a group of battle-hardened veterans on the field last night, and that's where this test was aced the most.

A few days ago, defensive players said they were still trying to sort out their identity and it felt like maybe the offense was going through a bit of the same process.

Turns out the answer resides in the past. It just keeps repeating itself.

"I just love the readiness of our guys," Swinney said. "I love the mental toughness and the focus that I saw from our team. A lot of mistakes, but they didn't flinch."

How many times have we heard him say that exact same thing over the years about different players and different teams?

The names change. The history doesn't.

Actions by recruits, not words about them, are what Clemson sees in evaluations

BY ANDY STAPLES, THE ATHLETIC
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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Dabo Swinney remembers the phone call vividly. He had dispatched receivers coach/recruiting coordinator Jeff Scott to Dorman High's spring game in 2010 and asked Scott to report back on two players.

One was receiver Charone Peake, who stood 6-foot-4 and weighed 205 pounds and ran and jumped in ways that players with that kind of length typically can't. Peake was the second-highest ranked recruit in South Carolina behind Jadeveon Clowney, who was the top-ranked recruit in the entire country. Peake was an obvious Clemson target.

The other player was Peake's Dorman teammate Adam Humphries. Swinney had seen Humphries that winter at a Dorman basketball game and asked Dorman football coach Dave Gutshall about the 5-11 point guard. Gutshall had told Swinney that Humphries played quarterback, running back, receiver, cornerback and safety. When Scott called in from that spring game, he gave the expected scouting report on Peake. Then he started listing all the things Humphries had done. He had caught passes. He had intercepted passes. He had generally been wherever the action was, and he jumped off the field to anyone watching.

Swinney decided that even though no other FBS schools were recruiting Humphries, Clemson would offer him a scholarship in what would be the first top-10 ranked class of the Swinney era.

When Humphries accepted Clemson's offer that June, the commitment wasn't met with celebration.

"People are mad. We're wasting a scholarship. We're only taking him to get Charone Peake," Swinney said Thursday, listing all the complaints he heard. "You know, the whole calf-cow story. Those are true in some instances across the world. Not at our place. If we take a kid, it's because we believe he can help us win."

Humphries and Peake weren't a package deal. Swinney and Scott truly thought Humphries could help, just as Clemson coaches thought classmate Grady Jarrett — who also held offers from Mississippi State, Buffalo and Western Kentucky — could help. Humphries and Jarrett helped pave the way for the titles to come during their time at Clemson, and they have continued to prove those Clemson coaches correct with their play in the NFL.

Swinney has signed his share of five-star recruits as he has raised Clemson from ACC also-ran to national power, but some of the two- and three-stars he's signed have been every bit as important. That includes a pair of defenders who could have a huge impact on Saturday's Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State.

This isn't one of those recruiting-rankings-don't-matter stories. Recruiting rankings absolutely do matter. But what makes Clemson unique is that its coaches seem to be better than anyone else at finding three-stars who play like five-stars. Clemson didn't have a No. 1-ranked recruiting class until last week. The reason the Tigers have two national title trophies and five consecutive ACC title trophies on the shelf is because Clemson coaches have been able to mix hidden gems Humphries, Jarrett and current ACC defensive player of the year Isaiah Simmons with everybody-wants-them five-stars such as Deshaun Watson, Christian Wilkins and Trevor Lawrence.

Even as Clemson's ability to attract players from everywhere has skyrocketed, Swinney and his staff have maintained a steadfast belief that they know what they're looking for even if the best schools they're recruiting against don't also show interest. "People are more worried about perception, and they're not convicted enough in their belief in what they see," Swinney says. "I'm not guided that way."

The best example of that was the January 2016 rush to fill four scholarships created by early departures to the NFL by defensive backs. After losing to Alabama in the national title game, Tigers coaches figured they might lose one or two members of their back seven. They didn't expect to lose Mackensie Alexander, Jayron Kearse, T.J. Green and Travis Blanks all at once. So a recruiting class that contained zero defensive backs suddenly had space for a few of them.

Of the players the Tigers grabbed in that mad rush, cornerback Trayvon Mullen seemed the most like a player who would sign with a national title contender. The Pompano Beach, Fla., native had offers from several top programs, and the Tigers had to beat out Florida State and LSU. Safety K'Von Wallace, meanwhile, was the classic late-bloomer. He had originally committed to Cincinnati, but Clemson, Ohio State and Michigan State all offered within one day of another in January 2016. Wallace made late visits to Clemson and Ohio State before choosing Clemson.

The other two DBs Clemson signed that year weren't nearly as sought-after.

Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables had watched video of a long, muscular safety/receiver

in suburban Kansas City and wondered why college coaches weren't climbing all over one another to sign the kid. Then Venables went to Olathe North High and saw Isaiah Simmons in person for the first time. Simmons was a little thinner than the 6-4, 230-pound hybrid who has spent this season wrecking offenses from all three levels of the defense, but he didn't look that different. Venables was ecstatic that the Tigers were in on a player who should have been on everyone's list but wasn't. "I just man-hugged him," Venables said. "Wrapped my arms around him." For a moment, the EMAW in Kansas State alum Venables bled through. "Is Kansas State recruiting you?" he asked Simmons. Told no, Venables could only shake his head. "Part of me was like, 'Dang, Kansas State,'" Venables said.

Simmons had wanted an Arkansas offer but hadn't gotten it. Missouri had recruited him, but he didn't want to go there. Nebraska, which courted Simmons as a receiver, and Michigan were Clemson's chief competitors. Simmons had a lot of family in Lincoln, so Venables worried the Tigers were too late. But when Simmons' parents loved the official visit to Clemson, Venables knew the Tigers had a chance. And when Simmons signed, Venables knew Clemson had gotten the steal of the class.

Swinney had known the fourth DB in that class since the kid was born. Swinney played with Kevin Turner at Alabama, and Swinney had offered Kevin's son Nolan a walk-on spot a year earlier. With extra scholarships suddenly available, Swinney pulled up video of 6-2, 182-pound Nolan Turner playing safety for Vestavia Hills (Ala.) High on HUDL. Swinney saw a Power 5 scholarship player. But Nolan Turner didn't have any Power 5 scholarship offers. So Swinney called Vestavia Hills coach Buddy Anderson. Anderson had been the head coach since 1978, and Swinney trusted his opinion. "Coach," Anderson told Swinney, "he's as good a player as I've had here." Hearing echoes of Gutshall talking about Humphries, Swinney took in the perspective. "I kind of see the same thing," Swinney said. "I don't know what we're missing here."

It is occasionally difficult for coaches to wrap their minds around the idea that others may not see what they see in a player. Alabama coach Nick Saban tells the story of asking assistants to find out why Tulsa, Okla., tailback Josh Jacobs had so few offers late in the recruiting process because it simply didn't compute that a player so obviously good would be ignored by so many schools. When the reports came back that others simply had missed, Saban pulled the trigger and offered the future first-rounder.

With Nolan Turner, Swinney knew what everyone would say when he switched the walk-on offer to a scholarship offer. Kevin Turner was fighting ALS — he passed away in March 2016 — and it would look as if Swinney was doing his old teammate one final solid. Swinney even told Nolan what to expect. "Here's what's going to happen," Swinney said. "We're going to offer you a scholarship. Everybody is going to say it's a pity party and it's only because of your dad." Nolan understood the reaction. "I kind of thought the same thing," he said.

But Swinney was convinced Nolan could play, and he was correct. Nolan has been Clemson's fifth defensive back for each of the past two seasons, and he'll probably be a captain next year. "He's as good a safety as we've got on the roster," Swinney said, "and he's probably going to play in the NFL." Said Venables: "What a great get. He has been an unbelievable player. He makes very few mistakes. His fundamentals are the best on our whole back seven. He's the lowest maintenance player we have."

Turner began proving that the moment he arrived on campus, and he credits an environment created by Swinney in which walk-ons and five-star recruits have a clean slate once they reach the practice field. "Everybody's treated the same," Turner said. "Not one person is more important to the program than anybody else."

Venables has seen unearthed gems shine time and again since coming to Clemson in 2012. He inherited Jarrett, whom he credits with helping establish the tone of how Clemson's defense should play. Another player Venables credits with setting that tone was a two-star recruit who signed in 2013 and was assumed to be part of a package deal that had fallen through. Ryan Carter was a 5-9, 175-pound cornerback at Grayson High in Loganville, Ga. The Tigers beat out Arkansas State, East Carolina, Georgia State and Southern Miss to sign him. The assumption was Clemson offered Carter because he was the high school teammate of one-time Clemson commit Robert Nkemdiche. But when Nkemdiche decommited from Clemson in November 2012, the offer to Carter remained firm. When Carter was a senior in 2016, he started for a national title team.

Venables said that even though Clemson has an easier time getting in the door of any four- or five-star player's recruitment, Tigers coaches still try to trust their own instincts so they don't miss the next Carter or Simmons. There is no science to finding them, and Venables admits Clemson has missed on a few signees in similar situations. Still, there is one thing players such as Humprhies, Jarrett, Simmons and Turner have in common. "People notice those guys when they play," Venables said. "That passion jumps through the TV screen."

And the coaches who trusted their own eyes instead of everyone else's get the last laugh. Swinney smiled wide Thursday as he told the most recent chapter in the football story of Humphries, the player who started off as just Charone Peake's teammate.

"Adam Humphries makes $9 million a year playing for the Tennessee Titans," Swinney said.

Recruiting Revisited: How the class of 2016 ranks four years later

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At the start of 2016, Ed Orgeron was not the king of college football. He was LSU's defensive line coach. Joe Burrow was a freshman backup at Ohio State, still a long way away from stardom. The December early signing period did not exist. Neither did the transfer portal. Coaches were prohibited from retweeting recruits. The fax machine was on its way out even then, sure, but still somewhat usable. So much has changed in four years.

As we approach another signing day, it's time once again to embrace the almighty power of hindsight. We're ready to assess how college football's most touted recruiting classes from four years ago actually panned out. It's time to re-rank the best recruiting classes of 2016.

We've made this an annual tradition at The Athletic, beginning with our re-ranks of the class of 2014 and the class of 2015. The purpose of this project is to recognize the programs and coaching staffs who do the best job of identifying great players, developing them, retaining them and winning with them. This year, our revised top 25 includes 11 classes that did not crack the top 25 of the 247Sports Composite team rankings in 2016. And 17 of these classes ended up outperforming those signing day expectations.

The point system we're using for this is no different than in past years. Much like the recruiting industry's five-star rating metric, we're using a basic 0-to-5 scale.

5 points: All-American, award winner, top-50 NFL draft pick

4: Multiyear starter, all-conference honors

3: One-year starter or key reserve

2: Career backup

0: Left the program, minor or no contribution

To track how these classes fared, we're counting 2016 scholarship signees, transfers who joined the program in 2016 and walk-ons in this class who were later put on scholarship or developed into starters. Each player in a class gets a score from 0 to 5 points based on what they've achieved during their playing careers. The intent here is not to project what they might accomplish in 2020 if they're returning as fifth-year seniors but to stick to what they've proven so far.

These classes tend to end up with roughly 25 signees, but some signed many more and some ended up with significantly fewer. Because recruiting classes vary in size, we focus on the class average (total points divided by total signees). The hit rate listed with each class is the percentage of signees who did not leave the program via transfer, dismissal, ineligibility or injuries. Players who got their degrees and chose to become grad transfers are not deemed misses.

In addition to evaluating production and retention, our rankings also weigh a program's success during this four-year period. We add a bonus to each team's average, derived from its total number of wins from 2016 through 2019. Thus, the adjusted average for a class is its average score plus its wins bonus. For example, LSU went 42-11 over these four years, so its class average received a bonus of 0.42.

Like last year, the battle for the No. 1 spot in these rankings came down to two programs, and nobody else really came close. And it was the same two schools that sat atop our rankings a year ago. But the order has changed. Here is our re-ranked top 25 for the class of 2016.

1. Clemson
Adjusted average: 3.68
Hit rate: 96%
Class rank in 2016: 11th
Four-year record: 55-4
Top signees: LB Isaiah Simmons, DT Dexter Lawrence, CB Trayvon Mullen, OL John Simpson, OL Tremayne Anchrum

In the moments after the Tigers' 2015 season ended in heartbreak with a 45-40 national championship loss to Alabama, Dabo Swinney knew just how close they really were. He proclaimed that Clemson had all the ingredients in place for sustained success. And he vowed they were just getting started.

"There's no doubt that we will be back," Swinney said. "It won't be 34 years before we're gonna be back, I promise you that."

The 2016 class they signed one month later reflected the Tigers' trajectory. This was not one of those monster classes they're signing nowadays — more like a warning sign of the level of recruiting Swinney and his staff were capable of reaching. They had formally arrived as national title contenders. The Tigers could start selling recruits not on ambitious hopes but on reality, that they were only a few plays — and maybe a few players — away from winning it all. That message proved powerful. Clemson won battles for six top-100 recruits in this cycle, including Lawrence, the nation's

No. 2 overall prospect. And those who came became champions.

This Clemson class has never not gone to the College Football Playoff. They have two national title rings. Dynastic expectations are all they've known, and they've lived up to them. When Lawrence, Mullen and Tre Lamar went pro after three years, we got a chance to see even more of these signees shine in 2019. Eleven of them started games for the Tigers and helped push their win streak to 29 in a row. And they had an awful lot of fun along the way, too.

The incredible retention rate of this class is a credit to the culture they've helped build. Before Shaq Smith and Tavien Feaster moved on as grad transfers last offseason, the only other 2016 signee who had actually left the program was backup QB Zerrick Cooper. And he became an all-conference player at FCS Jacksonville State.

As our Andy Staples wrote back in December, one of the great traits of this class is the success of some of its lowest-rated signees. Clemson stumbled upon Simmons late in the recruiting cycle — Swinney has confessed he had no idea about the kid until right before signing day — and developed the hybrid defender into one of college football's best players and a likely top-10 pick. K'Von Wallace was a last-minute find, too. The bet Swinney made on Nolan Turner paid off. Developmental three-star takes like Anchrum and James Skalski emerged as key starters. Even as their access to elite talent improves year after year, this staff's eye for talent and fit is as good as it gets.

-- HEAD COACH DABO SWINNEY --

Immelman has special connection with Clemson football program

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A year ago, Trevor Immelman spent part of the fall playing on the European Tour. His travels took him to Portugal, Italy, Scotland, England, Germany and Switzerland, among other places.

To say that itinerary presented some unique challenges would be an understatement. Not because of language differences and travel snafus, though.

Immelman, you see, is a big Clemson football fan. So, Saturdays, in particular, required some planning before he got to the first tee or after the round was over.

"I'm having to figure out all these different apps and stuff so that I can watch them play," he says, laughing heartily. "With the time change, you're getting up early in the morning or watching late at night."

Immelman has followed Clemson, currently ranked fourth in the country, since a chance meeting with the Tigers' head coach, Dabo Swinney, in 2008, which was the same year the South African won the Masters. The two have become good friends in the years since.

Immelman was introduced to Swinney by his close friend and fellow South African, Rich Davies. Davies, a commercial real estate developer who now lives in Charlotte, was a talented soccer, rugby and cricket player as a kid. He ended up going to Clemson and was a kicker on the football team in the early 1980s.

"We were going down on a fishing trip in the Gulf with Rich and his family," Immelman recalls. "And I was down there for like a day and he said, 'Oh, I've got this friend coming in. He's one of the assistant coaches at Clemson. You're going to love this guy. You guys are going to get on great.

"And I was like, okay. I didn't really follow football college football that much."

Not that Immelman didn't know football -- he actually was an NFL fan. About the same time Davies was playing at Clemson, Immelman's family had moved from South Africa to Arlington, Texas where the Dallas Cowboys are headquartered. But he had no college allegiance.

"I was trying to explain to him that in universities in South Africa you don't go to play sports," Immelman says. "You go to get an education. ... If you're good at sport in South Africa, you join a club. ... And then those clubs have leagues, and then that's how you get your competition in and then you enter tournaments.

"Whereas the system in the U.S. -- it's a fantastic system, but it's just totally different. Because sport is just so massive here and it's just so successful. ... People are so vested in it because they all went to their different schools. They become fans for life. ...

"But he found it so interesting that I didn't follow college football. He was like, well, I've got a team for you to support."

Swinney became the Tigers' interim head coach in October of that year when Tommy Bowden resigned, and had the interim removed from his title in December as Clemson prepared for a Gator Bowl date with Nebraska. Immelman was buoyed by his new friend's success.

"When I first met him and his boys and his wife, they have this infectious enthusiasm and personality, all of them," Immelman says. "And it was exactly like my friend Rich said to me -- immediately we just had stuff in common. We saw things a similar way. ...

"And I was kind of at the height of me playing and, and being like right in the trenches, trying to try to compete as well. And so it was just such cool timing to then see him take this step and then see him, I guess, survive through that period where he was the interim coach and get hired full time."

Swinney, for his part, was struck by what a competitor Immelman was. He remembers watching the College World Series with the South African during that first fishing trip.

"He was just sitting there, and I don't know if he knows a lot about baseball or not," Swinney recalls. "They were changing pitchers and the way the pitcher came in, the demeanor of the pitcher, it really bothered him. And he was just like, well, there's no way this team's winning. ...

"And of course, that turned out to be the case. He's a great competitor and a fun guy. ... And it's just pretty cool that he chose the Tigers to be his team."

Swinney even asked Immelman, who will captain the Internationals at the 2022 Presidents Cup, to speak to the Clemson football team prior to the 2014 Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando where the Tigers put a 40-6 whipping on Oklahoma.

"He understands competition at a high level and the type of mindset that you have to have," Swinney explains. "You don't win the Masters and stare down Tiger and all them, and that drive down that 18th fairway and all of that pressure, if you don't have mental toughness and a certain mindset and focus.

"Those things translate to any competitive situation, whether it be football or whatever. But you know, he knows a lot about football. He's become a very astute fan and knowledgeable."

Immelman was quick to point out that his speech was "nothing Rudy-like." He and his son Jake had been watching practice and "Coach called me in," the two-time PGA TOUR champion remembered.

"It was basically me telling them how much I love watching them and how inspiring it is to watch them," he says. "And having the opportunities that they have to play in big games like that is something that they'll remember forever and 20, 30, 40 years from now, they're going to look back on those times fondly. So, give it your best. Don't leave anything out there.

"It's been a lot of fun for us as a family to just to feel like you're a tiny little part and a fan of the program and just to see the success they've had, it's a lot of fun."

While its September date could be a conflict with football, Immelman would love to have Swinney give his International Team a pep talk during the Presidents Cup. Clemson, South Carolina is only a couple of hours from Charlotte, where the biennial event is being played at Quail Hollow Club.

At the same time, though, Immelman says he would need to figure out how many players on his diverse team understand football. Even so, he's thinks he's learned a lot from the way Swinney "shepherds" his team, which Immelman calls a "gift," that will help him prepare for the Presidents Cup.

"He's such an amazing leader," Immelman says. "But he also doesn't put himself before the team. He always puts the team and others before himself. And I think because of that people just gravitate towards him and they want to give him their best.

"Just seeing him pull that off with 18- to 22-year-olds for the last decade, there's got to be something there. It's not a fluke. He does it with freshmen and he does it with people that stay four years, five years. ... He doesn't lead in a forceful way. You always get the feeling that he loves his team."

Beyond football, the two men have also bonded on the golf course. While Swinney says he doesn't know his handicap, Immelman estimated it at between a 7 and a 12 or 13. He says the 50-year-old Clemson coach is fun to have in your foursome because he always "picks everybody up."

"He's got a solid game all around," Immelman says. "He's got a lot of speed. He's in good shape. He can still get it out there. Yeah, his whole game is pretty solid."

Swinney calls himself, simply, a "good average, average golfer."

"I'm a good scramble player because I'm capable of hitting some shots and scoring some points, but I don't even know what my handicap would be," he says. "That's how bad a golfer I am. But I do like to play."

The two played together once in the Wells Fargo Championship pro-am. And just like Immelman – complete in his orange Nike gear – tries to attend several Clemson games each year, Swinney did his best to get to Quail Hollow to see his friend when he was still competing regularly on the PGA TOUR.

The Tigers have played in four of the last six national championship games, winning twice, beating the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide each time. Immelman and his family were there with Davies and some other friends when Clemson won in 2016, which he calls an "amazing experience.

"That was his vision for the school," Immelman says, the pride evident in his voice. "He 100 percent believed that that was possible for them to achieve.

What impresses Immelman the most, though, is not all the victories and undefeated seasons Swinney has been the architect of at Clemson. It's the young men his players become.

"Everybody loves winning," he says. "But he invests so much time and effort and his priority is always to help raise the best men and citizens and people in the program that he can. That is always the number one priority for him. And he's never going to cut any corners that could hurt that.

"What I mean by that is it's important for him to help

these student athletes just become the best human beings that they can. And he believes that if he does that, then he's going to put them in the best situation to try and achieve whatever sporting goals that they have.

"I've met very few people that have their priorities so clear and stick to them so in such a disciplined way."

-- OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR TONY ELLIOTT --

Clemson's Tony Elliott 'leads with love' after a tumultuous upbringing

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On a Sunday morning in the summer of 1989, 9-year-old Tony Elliott headed to church on the streets of Anaheim, Calif., in his family's light brown Volkswagen bus. He wanted to be home watching cartoons. In his mild protest, he sat in the third row, where his mother and stepfather couldn't see him, and he didn't wear a seatbelt.

As the bus crossed the intersection of West Sycamore Street and North Harbor Boulevard, there was a scream and the awful sounds of squealing tires, slamming steel and shattering glass, sounds you feel as much as hear.

And then, silence.

Another vehicle had run a red light and broadsided the bus, which spun and repeatedly flipped before landing upside down on its white roof. Without a seatbelt to constrain him, Tony was thrown from harm's way. He crawled out and helped free his 4-year-old sister, Brandi, and his 1-year-old half-brother, Isaiah. His stepfather, Wayne Williams, made it out of the bus, but his leg was injured.

"Go check on your mom," he told Tony.

He found his mother, his pregnant mother, crushed and trapped. Blood was everywhere. He went back to his stepfather.

"There's nothing I can do," he said.

"Go get help!" his stepfather said.

Tony sprinted about a half a mile to the amphitheater at Pearson Park, where the church choir was preparing for service. Someone called 911.

Patricia Williams, Tony's mom, was pronounced dead at UC Irvine Medical Center at 11:15 a.m. Her 22-week-old baby girl could not be saved.

Tony and his sister weren't allowed to go to the funeral. Too young, they said.

Shortly after, Tony and Brandi were sent to San Diego to live with their father, Jerome Elliott.

Four years earlier, Patricia had run from Jerome in the middle of the night with an empty pocketbook and no plan. She drove about 350 miles down the California coast, settling in Anaheim.

Jerome was a drifter who was in and out of jail. During Tony and Brandi's time with their father after their mother's death, they sometimes were homeless. They often stayed in multifamily dwellings and saw things children should not see. Tony remembers witnessing one of his father's friends beating up a girlfriend. When Tony's father didn't do anything about it, Tony was disappointed.

Three months after Tony went to live with his father, Jerome was sent to prison. Tony and Brandi were shipped across the country to Atlanta to live with Jerome's brother. When Jerome was released, the kids went back to him. But a couple of months later, he was behind bars again.

At that point, Tony decided he wasn't going to live with his father anymore. He went to South Carolina to stay with an aunt and uncle, and his sister went to Atlanta with another aunt.

By the time he was done with high school, he had lived in about 20 places.

Tony, as one might expect, started to veer off course. was running with the wrong crowd, staying out late, picking fights and being disruptive in class.

There seemed to be an inevitability about where he was heading.

Except he was headed somewhere else entirely.

After the accident, Tony Elliott made two promises to his mother. He would make her proud, and he would take care of Brandi.

"Then I left that place," he says, "and never looked back."

Things began to make sense about four years later. Sports — football, baseball and basketball — were the hub of his world. School, he could do without. The aunt who took him in, Blondell Kidd, was a school principal. She told him if he wanted to play sports, he had to have a B-plus or better in every class.

So Elliott became a diligent student in addition to an exceptional athlete at James Island High School. He had several scholarship offers from Division I-AA schools to play football, but he wanted to play Division I-A. His only Division I-A offer was from Air Force, so he took it.

After a few weeks, he knew he was out of place. He was there to play football. The others were there to fulfill a military heritage, protect their country or learn aviation. He asked for an honorable discharge and received it.

Not everyone saw what he did as honorable, however. Some friends and even family members took it personally, derided him and called him a quitter. They said he was on the same path as his father.

Elliott took a construction job, renovating a BI-LO grocery store. He worked 10-hour days seven days a week. After five months, he saved up enough to pay for a semester at Clemson.

When he arrived on campus with Kidd, they drove to the football stadium. He stopped his car at the top of the hill outside of Death Valley and stared at the gates. Ten minutes passed, 15, 20. He sat there for 30 minutes.

He was finished with football, he thought, but he couldn't pull himself away. "I invested so much in football, and I got to a point where I felt like football let me down," Elliott says. "I didn't get in return what I had given to the game."

After a while, he ran into a member of the team who he had played against in high school. He convinced Elliott he should give football another chance.

Elliott tried out and made it.

Being a walk-on renewed his appreciation for the game. "A lot of times as a scholarship athlete, you feel entitled," he says. "I was always a hard worker who did things the way I was asked. But sometimes, in the back of your mind, we have some entitled thoughts. When I became a walk-on, it was, 'If I just get to run down on kickoff, that would be awesome.' I just wanted to be a part of the team. I wanted to play the game I love and approach the game from the standpoint that it didn't owe me anything, and it was a privilege to get to play."

Two years later, he was given a football scholarship.

Three years later, he was named team captain.

And four years later, he graduated with a team-high grade point average of 3.55 in industrial engineering.

Before Elliott's senior season, Clemson hired Dabo Swinney to coach wide receivers. "The first time I met him, I could tell he had a different look in his eye," Swinney says. "He had a drive that is unique and a commitment I could sense."

Swinney saw something in Elliott that Elliott didn't see in himself, and he tried to foster that unique drive. "One of the things I tried to do was empower him," says Swinney, who also once was a walk-on wide receiver. "I don't know that he had really been empowered or embraced like that before."

After Elliott graduated, he went to work for Michelin. His job was to find ways to cut costs. He liked his coworkers, the pay was good and he was valued by the company. But he didn't enjoy trying to find ways to eliminate people's jobs, and he was miserable.

When he started coaching football on the side at Easley High School, it was like being a walk-on at Clemson again. His appreciation for the game was renewed.

Elliott quit his job at Michelin and became a football coach, first for South Carolina State for two years, and then for Furman for two years. What he gave up in salary, he gained in fulfillment.

"I found out then what the Lord's purpose for me was," Elliott says.

The Lord's purpose had not been easy for Elliott to discern.

It took years for him to reconcile that his mother died on her way to church — on her way to church.

Kidd forced him to go to Sunday school and to church. He went for one reason — so she didn't send him back to his father. Elliott listened to the teachers and preachers, but he didn't understand. He didn't want to.

His mother had planted the seeds of faith in him, but someone else — something else — would have to help them grow.

Shortly after Elliott enrolled at Clemson, he put himself up for bid in a charity dating auction. Tamika Whitner also was in the auction. Before it began, they met and agreed that each would buy a date with the other if neither was bid on. As it turned out, that wasn't necessary. Elliott had to outbid another suitor for a date with Tamika.

It was the best $11 he ever spent.

A couple of years later, they were sitting in Tamika's Section 8 apartment when Tamika asked him a question.

"Who wakes you up in the morning?" she said.

"The alarm clock," he answered.

She cringed. "Are you serious?" she said. "The Lord wakes you up."

Tamika was raised as a Southern Baptist, and her faith burned strong. She told him if he didn't get serious about his faith, she was done with him.

Love, a powerful motivator, inspired Elliott to try Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings. Elliott tried to understand who he was, why he existed and why his life was playing out the way it was.

He was alone in his bedroom apartment when he dropped his Bible on the ground. Wherever it opened, he would start reading. The beginning of the Book of James stared up at him, his new life verse.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

For Elliott to be mature and complete, he had to learn to forgive.

When he was trying to get into coaching, he hoped to be hired by Clemson as a graduate assistant. Tommy Bowden, who had been his coach, chose someone else.

A friend told him to forgive Bowden and tell him he had no hard feelings. Elliott did it, and then something

more significant happened.

"Immediately after that, I felt a weight lifted off my shoulders," Elliott says. "My heart was unhardened to my dad."

Elliott had resented Jerome for most of his life, but at 26, Elliott called his father and told him he wanted to start over. Jerome had just left prison. As was usually the case, Elliott wasn't sure why he was locked up, and he really didn't want to know.

Jerome moved from California to South Carolina and stayed with his son for a time. Jerome came with demons in his luggage, but his son had weapons to fight them.

Jerome is sober now. While the relationship has some scars, it is better than Elliott ever imagined it would be.

The healing between them has promoted more healing. "If I'm going to be a coach and be considered a father figure to young men, I had to do what I did in order to teach the importance of mending relationships," Elliott says.

He wants his players to grow from his experiences. Elliott can reach young men with imperfect backgrounds because nobody understands brokenness better than he does. His broken pieces have fit with the broken pieces of his players to make things that are whole and strong.

Elliott knew he took the right career path when he started coaching Terrance Smith at South Carolina. Smith's father had left him when he was 5. Around the time Elliott became Smith's coach, Smith's father wanted to return to his life.

"He helped me put aside the anger I was carrying," Smith says. "He told me only God can judge. No human walking this planet is perfect. So I had to put my guard down. I've made plenty of mistakes in my life, so who am I to judge? He helped me understand more about life situations."

Smith reconciled with his father, and today, their relationship is better than it has ever been.

Elliott also helped Smith prioritize life values. "I thank God for Tony," Smith says. "He saved my life, saved my direction. I can't put into words how I feel about this man. He's like a father and a brother, someone I try to model myself after."

In the course of coaching, teaching, and counseling, Elliott often speaks of his own experiences.

His testimony, he calls it.

His testimony wouldn't have value suppressed in the recesses of his mind.

When Adam Mims was a wide receiver at Furman, he was like many college athletes, skipping class, missing assignments and partying too much. Elliott was straight with him, and he helped him redefine his priorities and change his path.

"As a young Black man, being able to see an older Black man who is essentially doing everything right and is successful, it gave you a sense of pride that I can be like this guy, I can emulate his path to success," Mims says. "Do things consistently, do things right all the time. I believe that because I saw it in him. The impact he's had on my life has been astronomical."

Mims admired Elliott's Christian values and family life. Elliott inspired Mims to want to impact others. Now, Mims is the wide receivers coach at Chattanooga.

Elliott, who was hired by Swinney as an assistant at Clemson in 2011, doesn't coach the way many of his peers do.

"What we say around here all the time is serve the heart, not the talent," Swinney says. "To serve someone's heart, you truly have to have a relationship with them, you have to love them. And Tony leads with love. Because of that, he's not afraid to discipline. He's not afraid to hold someone accountable or call them out. It doesn't matter who they are, whether it's Travis Etienne or Trevor Lawrence or whomever."

Etienne and Lawrence, expected to be high picks in the 2021 draft, are two of many players touched by Elliott. He also had a hand in the development of Deshaun Watson, Mike Williams and Tee Higgins.

Of course, development is a broad term. Since 2016, Elliott has been Clemson's offensive coordinator and running backs coach. He doesn't coach quarterbacks the way many offensive coordinators do.

"With me and Trevor, a lot of our conversations are not related to football," Elliott says. "He's diving into his faith, so a lot of our conversations will be faith-based. I was the same way with Deshaun."

Before returning to Clemson, all of Elliott's experience had been with wide receivers. But Swinney wanted him to be his running backs coach. "He looked at me like I was crazy," Swinney says. "I told him, 'I'm not hiring you because you're a great running backs coach. I can teach you that. I'm hiring you because of who you are as a man.'"

Now, Swinney says Elliott is the best running backs coach in the country, as well as a top offensive mind and play caller.

Elliott's offense is a combination of principles he has picked up in his football journey. It's a no-huddle, fast-paced approach, thanks to the influence of Rich Rodriguez, Elliott's offensive coordinator when he played at Clemson. From his time at Furman, he learned the value of option concepts in zone-read schemes. When he returned to Clemson as a coach, Elliott embraced Chad Morris' two-back spread formation and run-oriented approach.

His offense has torn up the ACC. Whether it could be as effective in the NFL remains to be seen, but Elliott could get the chance to find out soon.

In December, the Panthers wanted to interview him for their head-coaching vacancy, and people who know say it was not just an attempt to satisfy the Rooney Rule. They were seriously interested in Elliott.

Elliott chose not to interview, mostly because Clemson was preparing to play Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the national championship. "It wouldn't have been fair to me or them to be preparing for Ohio State and rush to get myself together for that interview," he says. "I prayed about it, and I didn't feel it was the right thing to do at that time."

It was not the first time he disappointed a suitor. Missouri made him an attractive offer last year as well. Baylor, Michigan State, UCF and USF have tried to interview him.

Elliott was a primary assistant when Clemson won two national championships and was twice the runner-up, and Clemson is ranked No. 1 in the country this year. More requests likely are coming.

Elliott is comfortable at Clemson. He doesn't want to go somewhere else and fail. And his three-year, $5.1 million contract makes him the highest-paid offensive coordinator in college football.

"I try to live a purpose-driven life and operate off what spirit tells me," Elliott says. "I understand the magnitude of the next step. I also understand I'm an African American, and I understand the responsibilities that come with that. I want to make the right decision for everybody that's going to be coming with me and not just for myself because if it was about me, I would have taken one of those opportunities and cashed in. For me, it's not about that."

Swinney believes Elliott is prepared to be a head coach at any level, including the NFL. Elliott is open to the NFL, even though his most rewarding coaching experiences have been helping boys transform into men. "The more I learn about the NFL, the more I think there may be a place for my style of coaching, which is relationship-driven," he says. "You still have relationships."

For as often as Elliott moved during his childhood, he didn't have much that was his.

After his mother died, his stepfather bought him a pair of Air Jordan Forces. They became his prized possession, his only possession. He kept those shoes for about a decade, from West Coast to East, then back and forth again. In time, holes were worn in the soles like silver dollar pancakes. He didn't care. They were his.

When he went to college, he left them at Kidd's house, and the shoes were eventually thrown away.

But like a lot of things in his life, the 40-year-old has made up for it.

Elliott has more than 200 pairs of sneakers now, including almost every Jordan shoe.

"He has way more shoes than I have," Tamika says. "His collection overtakes our closet."

Elliott has been married to Tamika for 14 years and they have two boys, A.J., 7, and Ace, 4.

Elliott wasn't taught how to be a father, but he learned anyway. "In everything he does with the boys, he has a lesson," Tamika says. "He's always coaching them up in some aspect of life. He teaches them, and then he wrestles with them and loves them. He is the father he never grew up with."

For many years, he was like a father to his little sister. He paid for Brandi's college tuition, her first car and more. He held himself to a higher standard because he knew Brandi was watching him.

She is now married with three children. She has a master's in health care administration and is an assistant vice president at a health care center in Georgia. There is nothing more gratifying to him than her happiness and success.

Brandi needed Elliott like his father needed him, like his sons and wife need him, like Smith, Mims and many other players needed him.

Elliott should have been the needy one.

"He has every reason to be a failure, every reason to be mad, every reason to be a victim," Swinney says. "Yet he's done all these things. How does this happen? He's going to tell you it's his faith. And through his faith, God has taken that mess, created a great message for him, and equipped Tony. What were some of the biggest liabilities in his life are now some of his greatest assets."

Elliott was handed a playbook for his life when he was 9 years old.

He never read it. Instead, he wrote his own.

The chapters that have yet to be written? They could be the best.

-- DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR BRENT VENABLES--

What's it like to face Brent Venables' defense? We asked former college QBs who did

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For former college quarterbacks who faced Clemson during their careers, there was film study for every other opponent … and then there was film study for a Brent Venables defense.

"The majority of defenses that I played against, if you study them enough on film, you see a defense in

a certain package or a certain formation, there's really two or three options that that defense can run," former Syracuse QB Zack Mahoney told The State. "When you're playing Clemson they can come out in the same thing and run seven different things. And it sucks the most because they have the athletes to do it."

Coaches and players spend hours upon hours watching film each week, searching for tips and tendencies to carry over to game day.

Oftentimes, when you're playing Clemson, you get to the game and see something completely different from what you watched on film all week.

"When you prepare for Clemson you're pretty much preparing for the unknown," said former Wake Forest QB and receiver Kendall Hinton. "Every week we would go into Clemson we would have no clue what Venables was gonna show us. We know what he's shown the past six weeks, and it's been different four times."

The State spoke with five former college quarterbacks and two former head coaches about facing Venables and what makes his defenses so tough.

They offered insight into his exotic blitzes that keep quarterbacks and coaches up late at night, and also offered tips on how to try to attack the Tigers. They also warned that if you do happen to find something that works, don't expect it to work for long.

"The biggest thing is once you find an area that you think you can exploit or a little bit of a hole, he can adjust pretty quickly," former Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson said. "He didn't make anything easy for long. If you found something, I think he's got a system and he knows how to fix it."

Hinton faced Clemson four times during his college career — three times as a quarterback and once as a receiver.

What stands out the most about those meetings?

"It's no telling what you'll see with Venables ... especially with those third-down blitz packages," Hinton said.

Clemson has finished in the top 15 nationally in opponents' third-down conversions every year since 2013, and those third-down blitz packages are a big reason why.

"It was like a tornado," Hinton recalled. "Guys were moving everywhere. And you never know who's coming. That's one of the difficult things is that they'll show a Cover 2 look and end up bring Cover 0. Or they'll show Cover 0 and drop into an eight-deep coverage. When you're able to disguise like that, it makes it really tough."

Mahoney, who started against Clemson in 2015 and saw action as a backup in 2016 and 2017, remembers going through walk-throughs the week of the Clemson games and trying to take everything in.

"There's more blitzes that they run than anybody else. Normally a blitz walk-through period is 10 minutes and you're going over who's going to blitz and this and that," Mahoney said. "You can't get through all of Clemson's. ... And if they're showing something on film they're probably going to switch it up the next week."

Former South Carolina quarterback Perry Orth, who started against Clemson in 2015, added that in a third-and-long situation there is no telling what you will see.

"The only tip that I remember was we knew on third-and-7-plus that something funky was coming, but we didn't know what it was," Orth said. "There were times he blitzed all the linebackers and dropped all the defensive linemen. Like, who the hell does that?"

Before Mark Richt was the head coach at Georgia from 2001-15, he served as an offensive assistant at Florida State.

During that time, he faced "some of the greatest defenses I've ever seen" going up against Miami in its heyday.

"Miami quite simply lined up in a 4-3 look and a Cover 2 and played it almost every single snap, because they were just that good," Richt said. "They didn't have to do anything schematically. They just let their players play."

The two times Richt faced Venables during his tenure at Georgia, and their one meeting during Richt's three years at Miami, he was reminded of his matchups with those Miami defenses from the 1990s.

"He's got that kind of talent," Richt said. "Plus, he'll add the flavor of blitzes and forcing quarterbacks to scramble to their off throwing hand. He's a sharp guy with a great mind. And a quick-minded guy that can make the call at the last possible moment to get them in the best situation."

Clemson has more talent than any other team in the ACC, which is part of the reason Venables can be so multiple. He can take chances and trust his defensive backs to play well in one-on-one situations, and he can also bring blitzes from all over the field and trust that his players can get there in time to make plays, thanks to their speed and athleticism.

"When you have players that can get across the field on a normal three-step drop, you can really have fun," Mahoney said. "I think Brent does a great job of having fun with the guys and trying new stuff out."

Clemson has signed a top-20 recruiting class every year since Venables arrived at Clemson in 2012, according to the 247Sports Composite rankings. That includes a top-10 class each of the past three years.

Richt believes that the talent Clemson has allows it to overcome injuries and continue to put out top-10 defenses year in and year out, no matter who moves on to the NFL.

"You've got the starters doing their thing and the backups get a lot of work because of the margin of victory. So those guys are developing. The second-teamers and even third-teamers are developing," Richt said. "So by the time the guys turn pro and hit the roadm the next group is ready. They've been playing a good bit, being developed and are already very talented to begin with coming into the program."

As good as Clemson's defense is and has been under Venables, no one is unbeatable.

The Tigers had trouble stopping what was arguably the greatest offense of all time last year against LSU in the national title game and have lost fives games since the start of the 2015 season.

One of those losses — and Clemson's most recent regular-season loss — was to Syracuse and QB Eric Dungey in 2017. Yes, Tigers starter Kelly Bryant was injured during that game, but Syracuse also moved the ball on Clemson most of the night.

The Orange used a hurry-up attack to keep Clemson off balance and finished with 440 yards of offense, with Dungey accounting for 339 yards and three scores.

"For the first most part, we really just harped on tempo. I remember that week we tried to get the most plays that we could, because we were going to use tempo to our advantage," Dungey said. "We were overmatched size-wise, but I think when we used our tempo, and obviously it showed, we were able to make plays. We really harped on taking care of the ball, and if we win the turnover battle we had a higher chance of winning the game. Obviously, that worked out."

Former Georgia quarterback Hutson Mason, who helped the Bulldogs to a win over Clemson in 2014, also pointed to tempo and establishing the run as ways to move the ball against the Tigers.

"You're giving up execution because you know it's going to be a little more sloppy when you're going fast. But you believe that going fast will make up for the lack of execution because defenses won't be able to get lined up," Mason said. "Those are some parts that I think still remain true today."

All five quarterbacks who were interviewed for this story mentioned using tempo as a way to have success, stating that Clemson can't be as creative and multiple with its defenses when you're lining up quickly and snapping the ball.

Former South Carolina QB Jake Bentley passed for 510 yards and five touchdowns against Clemson in 2018, and while Orth was no longer on the team, he could tell what the Gamecocks were doing to have success.

"It was the tempo and the changing around of the receivers. They had Deebo Samuel playing slot, playing outside, doing a bunch of different stuff to keep Clemson playing on their heels. They lined up in different, odd formations. They had new plays and new formations for the week, stuff that Clemson had never seen before," Orth said. "And then ultimately they pushed the ball vertical."

Taking shots down field is something both the coaches and quarterbacks agreed upon.

"When we had some success, we hit some big plays," Johnson said. "They're hard to go down the field 4 and 5 yards a pop on. If you're gonna have any success against their defense, you've gotta hit big plays."

Having a running quarterback also helps, if you're able to avoid blitzing defenders and get into the open field. When Clemson is playing man coverage and defenders have their backs turned, it can open up running lanes.

"A lot of times I was running, because when you play a man team, especially a Cover 1 team, they account for everybody and the quarterback's not accounted for," said Hinton, who rushed for 92 yards against Clemson in 2017. "So it opens up a lot of things."

While teams have found ways to have success against Clemson, it usually doesn't last for long.

Syracuse ran plays out of formations it hadn't previously shown when facing the Tigers in 2015 and rushed for 242 yards. Mahoney, who was the starting QB that evening, said he had an unusual experience after that game involving former Tigers star linebacker Ben Boulware.

"He came searching for me. When he finally found me he said, 'Hey, great game, but man, you gotta break it down. How the hell did you run all that stuff?'" Mahoney recalled. "We didn't show a lot of stuff in earlier games, so there were certain formations that we definitely brought out. From a player perspective we were running the same stuff, it was just a different presentation."

Boulware wanted a breakdown in case another team tried something similar later in the year.

In 2016, Clemson suffered a 43-42 loss to Pitt, its only defeat of the season on the Tigers' way to a national title.

The Panthers had success throwing to running backs, tight ends and fullbacks against Clemson, and in particular used the shovel pass to carve up the Tigers defense. Pitt passed for 308 yards in the stunning upset.

The next week at practice?

"We ran that shovel pass a billion times, and if we didn't stop it, it was run again," former Clemson linebacker Judah Davis said.

Teams tried it over and over against Clemson the rest of the year, with no luck.

"On the sidelines you could see his pride every time we stopped it," Davis said of Venables. "That's part of what makes him special is his ability to mastermind and scheme things, especially once he's seen it. He has the ability to fix a lot of stuff in game, and if not it will be fixed by the next Monday."

After Syracuse used tempo against Clemson to pull off its upset in 2017, other teams tried that as well. You can still limit Clemson's ability to be creative with tempo and can occasionally catch a player off guard here or there. But as far as running plays before Clemson can get lined up?

"After that game Venables didn't allow it to happen again," Richt said. "You might catch them once a game or something."

In today's world of college football, it is becoming harder and harder to play defense consistently well.

Programs like Alabama and LSU, which used to set the standard for playing great defense, are now finding themselves in occasional shootouts.

Already this year, Alabama has allowed 48 points to Ole Miss, while LSU has surrendered more than 40 points twice.

Despite the new-look offenses and evolving schemes, Venables has found a way to keep his unit consistent. The Tigers are the only program in the country to rank in the top 10 in total defense each of the past three years. In fact, Clemson has ranked in the top 10 in total defense for six consecutive years heading into this season. The Tigers' defense is currently No. 10 nationally in 2020, despite having to replace eight starters off of last year's unit.

"There's a lot of defenses, especially right now like at Florida, LSU, a lot of them are playing really, really bad defense. But Brent really hasn't had that roller-coaster of performances," Mason said. "His defense has been very, very consistent and stable. That's a tribute to his system, how it's very flexible to the players' skill sets. It's a credit to his able to simplify his system to get his players to play at a high level."

Venables was recently asked if big plays are inevitable in today's world of college football with the way offenses are designed.

"We gave up two big plays the other day (against Syracuse)," Venables said. "There's nothing that's OK with that. You give up a 60-yard run or an 84-yard pass, it's never fine. It's never OK, regardless of the situation."

It's that mindset and attention to detail that make Venables' defenses so good, year in and year out.

"He demands the best from everyone," Davis said. "That can go from his starting Mike linebacker down to a redshirt guy who is on scout team. The bar is set and it doesn't change no matter what state in your career you're in. I believe that's what really fosters the environment of competition and wanting to be the best that you can be."

-- NO. 3 WR AMARI RODGERS --

Clemson WR Amari Rodgers plans on making relentless approach pay off

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
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CLEMSON, S.C. — There must have been a dozen times this summer, maybe more, when Steve Matthews walked into his office, looked out at the field and saw the same scene.

The head coach of Knoxville (Tenn.) Catholic High has had a front-row seat to Clemson senior wide receiver Amari Rodgers' commitment to football since Rodgers was a high school freshman in 2013. He remembers Rodgers pushing away a piece of cake at a banquet because he didn't think the indulgence was worth it. And so while Matthews shouldn't have been surprised that Rodgers was regularly working out at his old stomping grounds, the enjoyment of watching him train has not worn off.

"In fact, a couple of times when we had our (high school practice), I'd point out to our players, 'Hey, there's Amari over there, working on his day off,'" Matthews said. "He has the best work ethic of definitely any player I've ever coached."

Rodgers, Clemson's starting slot receiver, is also known around the Tigers' facilities for the way he grinds. When he showed up as a freshman in 2017, Jeff Scott, the former co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, was blown away at how diligently the 17-year-old practiced. Then, when Rodgers tore his ACL in his right knee in the spring of 2019, he floored fans with his return about 5 1/2 months later.

The difference in 2020 is that this offseason, Rodgers has channeled his relentlessness into entering the season in the best shape of his career. Without a brace on his right knee, he's faster than head coach Dabo Swinney has ever seen him. He's stronger and more confident, too. And that couldn't come at a better time for the Tigers.

Although Clemson returns star junior quarterback Trevor Lawrence and senior running back Travis Etienne to drive an offense that is projected to be one of the nation's best, the Tigers are inexperienced at wide receiver. Tee Higgins, the go-to target in 2019, is a second-round draft pick in Cincinnati. And Swinney announced in June that Clemson will be without top returning receiver Justyn Ross, who was diagnosed with a congenital fusion of his spine and is still awaiting clarity on when he can play again. Several wide receivers will need to raise their play, but that could start with Rodgers.

"I feel the best and I look the best I ever have," Rodgers said.

"It's been a long journey, for sure. But I'm just ready to go out there and put it all out on the line in my last year."

Ask Matthews what Rodgers' training has been like this offseason and the first thing he brings up is a routine Rodgers picked up in the spring of his senior year of high school.

It has been a crucial part of his training throughout his Clemson career and this summer.

"I know that he was taking yoga in the offseason," Matthews said.

Rodgers' status as a part-time yogi began when, prior to his arrival at Clemson, he started researching what top professional players do outside of obvious football exercises to keep their bodies in optimum condition. He was looking for any sort of tip to help him earn meaningful playing time as a freshman. And when he read about yoga, he was instantly intrigued.

For years since, Rodgers has taken classes on YouTube twice a week when he's in season and two or three times a week in the offseason. At home, he unrolls his mat and selects classes from 30 to 45 minutes.

This summer, he also took his first in-person class in Knoxville, something he plans to make a regular part of his routine when he travels home in the future.

"(Yoga) has made a tremendous, tremendous difference," Rodgers said. "I'm way more flexible than I've ever been."

Rodgers believes the increased flexibility will pay multiple dividends when he takes the field this fall, beginning with Clemson's Sept. 12 matchup at Wake Forest. For starters, he says he's more explosive because he's fully stretching out his legs and knees when he runs. Speed is crucial in his roles as a slot receiver and primary punt returner.

Rodgers also aims to prevent soft-tissue injuries. He believes that a contributing factor to his ACL tear last spring was that he had strained his hamstring in the same leg about a week before the injury.

"If your hamstring isn't right, then that affects your knee because it's all connected, and that's what the doctor told me," Rodgers said. "When I heard that, that was one thing where I was like, 'OK, I've got to make sure I'm, No. 1, hydrated all the time. And (No. 2), I'm stretched out and flexible so that I will never have to worry about that problem again.' That's really where yoga came in from that aspect."

Rodgers seeks out classes that start by emphasizing the practice of Savasana, which is more restorative and prioritizes relaxation. That calms his mind before he gets into stretches, of which his favorite is the Figure-4 pose.

"Hips are so important when playing receiver because they have to do with really everything," he said of the stretch. "I try to do everything I can to help improve my hips."

Asked whether he'd still be in the best shape of his career without yoga, Rodgers said he believes he would be, largely because of his drive. Yoga, however, elevated him to the next level, he said.

"If you're not flexible, if you're not loose — and that's what yoga does — then you wouldn't be able to run and stay in shape the way that I am," he said. "While running puts your body in shape, yoga puts your muscles in shape. So it all ties together."

This fall, the Tigers are almost certain to use Rodgers in the slot and as an outside receiver. After all, he was the backup field receiver as a freshman and sophomore before he shifted into the slot role as a junior to replace Hunter Renfrow, who is now with the Las Vegas Raiders. Last year, he averaged 14.2 yards per catch, with 30 catches for 426 yards and four touchdowns.

Offensive coordinator Tony Elliott wants the Tigers to be multiple, which means employing several lineups to create matchup issues. Elliott likely would have rotated Rodgers outside regardless, but without Ross, there's also now more of a need for his contributions downfield.

Clemson will start some combination of sophomore Joseph Ngata, sophomore Frank Ladson Jr. and redshirt senior Cornell Powell at the boundary and field positions. And though the Tigers are confident in all three, Rodgers and Powell, as veterans, are going to be asked to move around. Swinney and wide receivers coach Tyler Grisham even worked Rodgers at the boundary spot during preseason camp for the first time in his career when Ladson and Ngata missed multiple days because of COVID-19 protocols. Rodgers also missed a few days.

Rodgers said the nine-man was challenging but that he appreciated it because he thinks it made him better. Having less space to work with in the boundary, he said, forced him to expand his repertoire. Now he can take that creativity back with him to the slot.

"I would say the same thing about Amari that I said about Trevor Lawrence: Amari, he just looks like a pro," Swinney said. "The way he carries himself, the way he practices, the way he prepares, his attentiveness in meetings, his thirst for knowledge, the nuances of the game … he's just playing with some unbelievable confidence."

So, yes, Clemson needs Rodgers healthy. Count his QB a fan.

"He's just so versatile," Lawrence said. "He looks great; he looks fast. You definitely can't tell he hurt his knee or anything. He looks the best he has looked since I've been here."

-- NO. 5 QB D.J. UIAGALELEI --

Feats of the heir apparent: Why D.J. Uiagalelei is next in line at Clemson

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
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CLEMSON, S.C. — D.J. Uiagalelei was finishing up a workout at St. John Bosco High School outside of Los Angeles one morning in the spring of 2018 when he started to show off for a couple of University of Texas coaches.

They had traveled to Bellflower, Calif., in large part to observe the nation's top-ranked pro-style quarterback for the Class of 2020. The closing exhibit consisted of two memorable throws.

On the first, he cranked a ball 60 yards downfield, effortlessly throwing the perfect post pattern.

For the second, Steven Lo, Uiagalelei's quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator, instructed his player to move to the right hash.

"I told him to do this on purpose because the Texas coaches were standing on the (left) sideline," said Lo, while recounting the morning. "I told him to throw it out as far as he could, directly at the coaches."

The pass traveled only about 10 yards downfield, but it covered more like 40 yards in terms of distance from sideline to sideline. There was no arc and more than enough velocity to get the ball to its receiver on a perfect line.

"Literally after that throw, (the Texas coaches) were like, 'Coach, we're good. We've seen enough,'" Lo said with a laugh. "You watch him throw one or two footballs, and that's all you need to see."

It was Clemson that ultimately earned the commitment of Uiagalelei (pronounced ooh-ee-AHN-guh-luh-lay), who signed in December and enrolled in January. It was a massive win on the recruiting trail for quarterbacks coach Brandon Streeter, who also landed star quarterback Trevor Lawrence in the Class of 2018. Uiagalelei is the heir apparent to Lawrence, who led the Tigers to a national title as a freshman and is the projected top pick of the 2021 NFL Draft.

But as COVID-19 continues to raise questions about the feasibility of a fall season, it's possible Uiagalelei could be the starter sooner than expected if college football is moved to the spring and Lawrence opts out to prepare for the NFL.

Those who have interacted with Uiagalelei, either on his high school team or playing against him, have plenty of stories similar to Lo's.

They say the 6-foot-5, 245-pound QB is capable of taking over Clemson's offense now. He looks like a tight end, moves like someone smaller and throws like one of the best to come through Southern California football.

Bruce Rollinson, the 71-year-old coach of Mater Dei High School, would know. He's spent 31 seasons at Uiagalelei's rival high school, which most recently produced Alabama quarterback Bryce Young.

"When I'm old and rickety and am watching game tape, I think I'll play the two years worth of the Bryce Young versus D.J. games," Rollinson said. "I hope for the loyal Clemson fans that they get to see this young man in 2020."

Rollinson has seen his fair share of elite quarterbacks. He coached Matt Leinart (USC), Matt Barkley (USC), J.T. Daniels (USC/Georgia) and Young (Alabama). Uiagalelei first made an impression during his sophomore season in 2017, when he started in place of senior Re-al Mitchell, who was injured for the rivalry game. Mater Dei, the eventual high school national champion, beat St. John Bosco by 10 points. But Uiagalelei went 12-of-22 passing for 256 yards and two touchdowns, plus 55 yards on the ground, in his first career start, according to local reports.

Rollinson: That was my first year where I really watched him, and you knew he was going to be special. … I found myself just going, "Man, this guy is huge." And he had a cannon.

Lo: Even his sophomore year, I believe he was 6-4, 250-something-plus pounds and throwing 80-yard balls.

Rollinson: I just went, "Oh boy. We're in trouble for the next two years."

Mater Dei won the state championship that year, beating St. John Bosco again in the playoffs and coach Justin Alumbaugh's De La Salle team from Concord, Calif., in the final. Alumbaugh also got his first glimpse of Uiagalelei in 2017 when he was watching film to prepare for possible playoff opponents. De La Salle had just played St. John Bosco for the state championship the year before.

Alumbaugh: I actually remember I was on a walk with my wife and she had to jump on a work call, so I started watching from my phone. She got off her call and she's like, "What are you yelling at?" I go, "How the hell is this kid a sophomore?" So that was the first introduction. Yeah. He was impressive.

As Uiagalelei headed into his junior season and became the full-time starter, Lo took St. John Bosco's offensive coordinator job. He came from Northern California but soon learned he had been familiar with Uiagalelei all along.

Lo: I can remember just randomly going through social media and running through this video of this eighth grader that was throwing, like, 90 miles per hour fastballs. It was one of those videos that popped out from his youth baseball and Pop Warner career. That was probably … five years ago or something like that. But I never thought twice about it.

Then, after taking the job, I was like, "Wait. That's that kid that I watched a few years ago. This is him."

Beaux Collins, Uiagalelei's high school teammate and a Clemson wide receiver commit for the Class of 2021: He's ridiculous.

I've seen him on two occasions hurdle over a defender that's standing straight up.

Uiagalelei led his team to a 13-1 record as a junior, with the lone loss coming against Mater Dei in the playoffs after winning the regular-season matchup. Uiagalelei was named the National Offensive Player of the Year by USA Today in 2018.

But he put together his most dominant season as a senior, throwing for 4,225 yards and 48 touchdowns against just two interceptions in 2019. This time, St. John Bosco lost to Mater Dei in the regular season, but beat its rival in the playoffs. It went on to defeat Alumbaugh's De La Salle for the state title. St. John Bosco also won the national title with a 13-1 record.

From Week 2 against New Jersey-school Don Bosco, it was apparent Uiagalelei had taken his game to another level.

Dan Sabella, Don Bosco head coach: We knew he was a big, strong kid. But like anything else, until you see him in person, it doesn't really do it justice. You don't get to fully comprehend it. He's a big, imposing quarterback. He stands next to a huge offensive line and blends right in.

I guess (the play) that jumps out at me was we got him in a third-and-long. I want to say it was like, third-and-8 or third-and-10, and he hit an in-cut, like a 14-yard in-cut, and it was just so smooth and so on rhythm, and hit his receiver right in stride. That's a big-time throw for a high school kid. He made it look so easy. It was like, "OK, here we go."

Lo's most memorable Uiagalelei moment took place when St. John Bosco played JSerra Catholic.

Lo: We always talk about his passing ability and how strong his arm is, but … we were I think on the 36 or something like that on the far side of the field, and we ran an option play for him.

He's running down the field, and a player from behind him and to his right tries to come out and dive at his knees. And you don't see (Uiagalelei's) eyes looking — it doesn't look like he can see him — but he sees him out of the corner of his eyes, does a stepback move, and the guy flies by him. Then he jukes another kid and runs down the sideline for like, a 74-yard touchdown. … I purposely didn't run him very often. … But that run was just electric. It made me kind of wonder, "Man, maybe I should have run him a little more."

Alumbaugh: He can run obviously when he chooses to.

Collins: People will be surprised.

When the regular-season Mater Dei game took place in late October, both teams were undefeated.

Rollinson: I found myself looking at D.J. going, "Gah, look at this kid." … You'd think he was a tight end. He's just a big kid and he does it all. Now he's perfected the long ball, he's perfected the mid-range ball, he's getting it out much quicker, I think he's directing his offense with an extreme amount of confidence.

We got after him with every blitz in America. A lot of kids fold under pressure. We brought the house. We had hits on him that a lot of kids would have … started to get happy feet or be looking at the pass rush versus looking downfield where they're supposed to. I think that's what stands out the most in my mind. Whether we beat them or they beat us, he played 48 straight minutes. No matter what we did to get after him, he'd take the hits and get right back up.

Alumbaugh detailed Uiagalelei's feats from the state title game in December.

Alumbaugh: Their first touchdown against us, I think it was like, third-and-12. … We had an unbelievable player, a dynamic two-way player (Shamar Garrett). He was our running back and our safety.

We took (Garrett), and we put him in man-to-man coverage on one of their really good receivers, and he had unbelievable coverage. D.J. threw like, a 16-yard comeback, where the receiver just went a yard in the end zone and turned around and the ball was right there. It just hit him square in the chest and he caught it for a touchdown.

Garrett went on to sign with San Jose State and was the San Francisco Chronicle's 2019 Metro Player of the Year.

Alumbaugh: He's unbelievable, he was literally sitting right there. He could not have covered it any better. He came to the sideline and he said, "Coach, what was I supposed to do there?" I just looked at him and I go, "Unfortunately, I think we've just got to tip our cap on that one. There's not much you can do."

Then there was the moment Uiagalelei avoided a sack from an outside linebacker.

Alumbaugh: He's probably 6-2, 6-3, 200 to 210 pounds … and we ran a blitz, and he got through completely uncovered — completely unscathed — and had a kill shot on D.J. He hit him square in the middle of the back and literally bounced right off of him. I'm

not exaggerating either.

I was speaking to a reporter after the game and the reporter was asking me about that play … and I pointed to the reporter. I'm like, "That's the kid that bounced off of him." And the reporter looked at me and goes, "That's the kid that bounced off of him? He's a big kid." And I go, "Yeah." And he goes, "That kid's huge." And I go, "I know."

Nathan Logoleo, a former Mater Dei player who did have the chance to sack Uiagalelei: Playing against D.J. Uiagalelei in high school wasn't like playing any other quarterback, no disrespect to the other quarterbacks.

It was an amazing feeling coming off the field knowing I had two sacks on D.J. I knew it'd open eyes in general, and I knew he was a young star quarterback.

Uiagalelei got in nine spring practices at Clemson before the COVID-19 shutdown. But the Tigers are now back to mandatory activity and will take things up another notch ahead of scheduled preseason camp in August. The more uncertainty there is about a fall season, the more eyes will turn to Uiagalelei.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney: He can do anything. That's what they said about Trevor, too.

There's nothing that we need him to do that he can't do.

Sabella: I'm going into Year 20 as a head coach and I've seen some good ones. That kid's a special kid, man. It's going to be fun to see what he does down in Clemson.

The nine things you need to know about Clemson's D.J. Uiagalelei, aka Big 5inco

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D.J. Uiagalelei was destined for greatness.

He's 6-foot-4, 250 pounds and built like a defensive end. His Clemson teammates tease him that he ought to be playing fullback, but that would be a waste of arguably the strongest arm in college football. There's not a throw Uiagalelei can't make. He got his first Power 5 scholarship offer in the sixth grade, and he had a half-dozen more before he started high school. He's affable, funny and, according to people who've known him since he was a kid, "an old soul," who'd rather be watching film or hanging out with his family than reveling in the attention that comes with fame. He's the complete package, a shoo-in for stardom.

No one should be surprised the spotlight has found Uiagalelei. It's just the timing. This is a meteoric rise, even by his standards.

On Saturday, Uiagalelei will make his second career college start. It comes after Trevor Lawrence tested positive for COVID-19 late last week. After fans immediately spent two days debating the math on how soon the sport's biggest star could return. But immediately after Uiagalelei threw for 342 yards in a 34-28 comeback win over Boston College, Dabo Swinney made it official.

This was Uiagalelei's team for Notre Dame week.

So, if you're not quite familiar with Clemson's new QB, here's your chance to play catch-up, with nine things you should know about college football's next big star before he leads the Tigers into South Bend for a showdown with No. 4 Notre Dame in the biggest game of Clemson's season and the biggest stage of his young career.

He knows his last name is tough to pronounce

After Uiagalelei was announced as the starter for this week's game, Clemson put out a video on Twitter of teammates attempting to pronounce his last name. It didn't go well.

"I think one person said, like, 'wiggly lee,'" Uiagalelei said.

Another teammate notes with some degree of certainty that, "it's not ukulele."

Most folks just call him D.J., or as receiver Cornell Powell suggested, "Money Man," an inside joke about Uiagalelei's ability to cash in when it counts.

Uiagalelei's preferred moniker is "Big 5inco" -- a nod to both his size and uniform number. High school teammates back in California called him "Cinco," until one day the modifier was added, and he liked the sound of it. He started adding #Big5inco to his Instagram posts, and this summer, he used a little leftover stipend money to buy a gold chain with the nickname on it. "Money Man" knows how to create a brand.

"You guys can call me whatever you want," Uiagalelei said -- though ideally not "Wiggly Lee."

For the record, it's oo-ee-AHN-guh-luh-lay.

He has always had a big arm

Uiagalelei started tossing a football around with his dad, "Big Dave," when he was 2, and even then, his father believed he had a prodigy on his hands.

"You could see the mechanics," his father said of Uiagalelei's early years in football. "The ball just came out so fluidly."

By the time Uiagalelei was 9, he was playing in a Pop Warner league with kids in junior high and was clearly the best player on his team. His youth was easy to overlook because he was the same size as the older kids and had the arm of someone twice his age.

In high school, the reputation only grew. His coach at St. John Bosco, Jason Negro, said he has coached with or against dozens of big-time QB prospects from Carson Palmer to Josh Rosen, and none had the arm strength of Uiagalelei.

Swinney remembers a camp Uiagalelei attended at Clemson with 1,500 kids of varying ability. The Clemson coach was casually watching a throwing drill when he saw Uiagalelei unleash a laser, and Swinney panicked, rushing to shuffle the lesser receivers out of line.

"He can't just throw the ball to anybody," Swinney said. "He's got a cannon, and I think he was trying to show it off. And those kids -- somebody was going to get hurt."

That story made the rounds on social media, which prompted Clemson's backup QB Ben Batson to chime in with his own tall tale.

"His first practice, I'll never forget," Batson recalled. "I had to warm up with him, and I had to go ice my hands after practice. No lie."

Negro remembers a throw Uiagalelei made against Mater Dei in a state championship game that he still can't believe. It was just before the half, and Uiagalelei unleashed a rocket to Kris Hutson, who's now at Oregon. It was this back-shoulder throw, hitting the receiver 25 yards downfield.

"I don't think the thing ever went more than 5 yards off the ground," Steele said, "but it was an absolute laser."

Then there's the showdown against Justin Fields -- a long-ball challenge back in 2017, when Uiagalelei was just a sophomore. Fields, the No. 1 overall recruit a year later, lined up at the 30, took five steps and launched the ball 80 yards. Uiagalelei seemed unimpressed. Wearing a gray T-shirt wrapped tight around his biceps and a black cap turned backward and tipped up, Uiagalelei took a hop-step from the 30 and unleashed. The ball sailed 85 yards in the air. The entire crowd reacted in unison: "Oh my God."

Or ask Chris Steele, now a DB at USC, who was once forced to go against Uiagalelei in practice at St. John Bosco.

"D.J. could throw 75 on a light day with no warm-ups," Steele said. "He's second to none."

He actually wanted to play baseball

Uiagalelei's first love wasn't football. In fact, when he was in sixth grade, he was ready to give up the sport altogether -- along with his family and school, all thanks to a slight misreading of Mariano Rivera's autobiography.

Uiagalelei was a huge fan of the New York Yankees star reliever, and he'd read that Rivera dropped out of school at age 12 to pursue baseball full time, signing a professional contract at age 15 that rescued him from poverty in the Dominican Republic.

That all sounded pretty good to Uiagalelei.

"I told my parents I wanted to drop out of school and have them to ship me off to the Dominican Republic," Uiagalelei said, "so I could play baseball full time."

Uiagalelei's parents wisely declined that option, and by the time he got to high school, he'd fallen in love with the drama and energy of football, which became his focus.

He played baseball as a freshman in high school, splitting time between games on the diamond and spring football practice, where he was trying to win the starting QB job. He sat out his sophomore baseball season but played again as a junior, returning to the pitcher's mound for the first time in four years.

"It was electrifying," said St. John Bosco baseball coach Don Barbara.

Shortly before the spring season, however, Uiagalelei cut his hand on a medicine cabinet and needed surgery, which forced him to miss the bulk of the season. Then he decided to enroll early at Clemson in January, keeping him off the baseball field once again.

"If he'd gotten to pitch with us for a full season," Barbara said, "there's no doubt in my mind he'd have been a first-round draft pick."

His favorite QB isn't who you'd think

Uiagalelei is half-Samoan, on his father's side, and he said he takes pride in the heritage of Polynesian quarterbacks who have found success in college football, from Marcus Mariota to Tua Tagovailoa. In fact, he can run off a full list of players from the islands who he looked up to.

His favorite, though? It's not one of the Heisman contenders. It was actually Mariota's predecessor at Oregon, Jeremiah Masoli.

"That was my favorite quarterback growing up," Uiagalelei said.

Of course, most of those guys played on the West Coast, and Uiagalelei said he's excited to be something of a Clemson ambassador for other Polynesians who might not have considered the South a likely landing spot.

"I'm probably the first Polynesian in Clemson," he said.

And all of that can be chalked up to another QB -- though not one from the islands.

Uiagalelei said that, when he was in middle school, it was former Tigers great Tajh Boyd who introduced him to Clemson. He loved watching Boyd go deep on game day, and he thought the offense would be a good fit for him, too. Six years later, that's exactly what's happened.

He almost went to Alabama

Clemson is notoriously stingy with scholarship offers. As Swinney likes to say, "We don't practice recruiting," and Clemson doesn't typically go looking for quarterbacks in California. So Uiagalelei, with more than 70 offers in hand by the start of his sophomore season, was never really on Swinney's radar.

But as fate would have it, defensive coordinator Brent Venables was out west recruiting a linebacker when he stopped to meet with Negro.

"We've got this quarterback," Negro said, before Venables interrupted, reminding the St. John Bosco coach that Clemson doesn't go fishing for QBs without a good idea they're going to land a big one.

"I love that story, that everyone thinks Clemson came recruiting him," Big Dave Uiagalelei said, "and the fact is, D.J. had to ask his head coach to ask Clemson."

Venables called QB coach Brandon Streeter. Streeter dug up some film, then called Venables back.

"Yeah, we might want to talk to this kid."

Uiagalelei was interested, but he wasn't sold, so he took a trip in the summer after his junior season to visit campuses at Alabama, Georgia and Clemson.

His first stop was Alabama, and he loved it. He immediately called his dad and said he was ready to commit. Big Dave supported the plan, but he wanted his son to keep his options open. Go visit the other schools, he suggested, then decide.

Clemson was the last stop, and it took just one meeting to change Uiagalelei's mind.

"He got to talk to Dabo," Big Dave said, "and it was over."

The two bonded over religion. Swinney is vocal about his faith, and that appealed to Uiagalelei, too. He saw Swinney as a role model, both on the field and in his faith.

Uiagalelei wears a cache of bands on his left wrist, all with Bible verses inscribed, including one he got as a birthday gift from his cousin that seems a perfect prelude to his career. It's from Jeremiah, and it reads: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things."

He can run a little, too

Uiagalelei wears No. 5 because he grew up rooting for USC, and he loved Reggie Bush. In fact, he wanted to be just like the Trojans' star tailback.

Just one problem: Bush was 6-foot, maybe 190 pounds in college. Uiagalelei is 6-4, 250. Apples and oranges.

"I was never going to be like Reggie," Uiagalelei said.

And yet, the big man can move, as he showed in his starting debut against Boston College last week. Uiagalelei's 20-yard touchdown run set the stage for the Tigers' comeback and left BC's defenders wondering how they'd underestimated the 18-wheeler that just rumbled past them.

"I don't think that D.J. gets enough credit for how athletic he really is," said Danny Hernandez, Uiagalelei's private QB coach in high school. "Even watching now, I was like, look at him -- that's a big boy moving right there."

Colby Bowman caught his share of passes from Uiagalelei in high school, enough to earn a scholarship to Stanford. But ask Bowman for his favorite play from his former QB, and it's not an 80-yard throw.

"He took it 90 yards on a QB draw," Bowman said.

Bowman was downfield trying to block ahead of his QB, and he remembers looking back and finding Uiagalelei on his heels and thinking, "Man, this guy's keeping up with me."

"He's going to throw the ball 70 yards downfield and then scramble and truck someone," Bowman said. "He's the whole package. The kid's a freak athlete. I just don't understand it."

Put more succinctly by Negro: "We've had a lot of great quarterbacks around here, but nobody has had the whole skill set that D.J. has."

Still, he's no Reggie Bush. But there is a consolation prize. Before last week's game against Boston College, Uiagalelei got a text. It was from Bush.

"You ready for the game?" Bush wrote. "I have total faith in you."

Uiagalelei doesn't get overwhelmed easily, but this moment was special.

"It was just amazing," he said. "I was like, I've got to be ready if Reggie thinks I am."

His dad is his hype man

Everybody knows Big Dave. It's hard to miss him. He used to be a bodyguard for celebrities, including Snoop Dogg and Nick Cannon, and he is ... big.

Physically, Big Dave is huge. When D.J. visited Clemson as a recruit, a horde of fans circled him after a game, all wanting an autograph. Big Dave fell back into security mode, gently moving people aside so his son could get through. But it's not just the body size. Big Dave's personality is immense. He's full of joy and enthusiasm, and there's nothing he gets more excited about than his kids.

Watch the TV broadcast of last week's game against Boston College. Every series, the cameras would train on Big Dave and his wife -- D.J.'s mom -- Tausha, and Big Dave would be standing and whooping and yelling. He has been doing that since D.J. was in grade school.

Thing is, all that enthusiasm can be a bit of a problem for D.J. He's quiet, understated. Even after last week's big win, D.J. recounted the 18-point come-from-behind victory with a level of aloofness that approached boredom. It's that West Coast demeanor, D.J. said. He's always the coolest guy in the room.

Big Dave? Ah, not so much.

"I've promoted D.J. since he was 7 years old," Big Dave said.

It's pride, for sure, but it's also a little business savvy. Big Dave has been sharing videos of D.J.'s best games, big throws and glowing reviews for years as a way of marketing the kid so bigger opportunities would come his way. He made good money as a bodyguard, but he'd be away for months at a time. When D.J. was 9, he asked his father why he was gone so much. It broke Big Dave's heart. He quit his job and started working as a resource officer at a local school. It took him a month to earn what he used to make in a few days. Scratching together money for camps, private coaching and tuition at a place like St. John Bosco -- that wasn't going to happen. So Big Dave got to work selling the rest of the world on the talent he knew his son possessed.

"I'm not out here saying my son is better," Big Dave said. "I'll never be Lavar Ball. All I do is share what other people post. But yes, I'm for damn sure a proud dad."

No wonder when D.J. found out he'd be starting last week against BC, his phone call home came with a warning: "Hey, dad, don't post any of this on social media."

Message received. Big Dave kept quiet until the news broke, and then he shared every story he could find about his boy. That's what dads do.

Still, it's a bit of an issue for the unassuming D.J., so he found an easy solution. He has blocked his father on Twitter.

But he's still kind of a mama's boy

If Big Dave is the hype man, Tausha Uiagalelei is D.J.'s tether to the real world. She keeps her son grounded.

"I'm a lot more like my mom," he said.

His old offensive coordinator at Bosco, Steven Lo, said he thinks of Uiagalelei as an old man. He has seen it all, and he's never flustered.

"I've never seen him down, and I could count on one hand the number of times I've seen him up," Lo said. "I'm like, you just dropped a dime between two defenders. It's OK to be excited."

That reserved coolness, that's all her. So along with his "Big 5inco" chain, he has another one he wears with a "T" pendant. That's for Tausha.

"Tausha provides a much-needed balance for him," said Jessie Christensen, Bosco's football operations manager. "At the end of the day, I think the first call for him always goes to his mom."

Funny thing is, D.J. doesn't mind a little hype if it's for his mom. As his Instagram page blew up when he landed the starting gig at Clemson, he wanted to give Tausha a little love too, so he posted a note encouraging his fans to "go follow my mommy" with a link to her account.

And he isn't going to be rattled by Notre Dame

Uiagalelei stepped in front of a camera for a postgame Zoom session with media after last week's win. He'd accounted for three touchdowns and engineered a near-miraculous comeback to keep Clemson's playoff hopes alive and stave off a colossal upset.

You'd think he might've been impressed with himself.

"Being down 18," he said coolly, "that's not really a lot of points. I knew we were going to come back."

Turns out, he's right. Back at St. John Bosco, his team trailed powerhouse Mater Dei 28-5 in the first half, and he engineered a come-from-behind win then, too. Uiagalelei cracked jokes with teammates to ease the tension, led his offense to a late score before halftime, rallied the guys in the locker room, drove the length of the field again, waved his hands to get the crowd hyped, then scored again. And again. And again until Bosco closed out a 38-35 win.

So 18 points is child's play.

And you might assume Notre Dame is a bit bigger stage, but Uiagalelei isn't fazed by that either.

He could have gone to just about any college in the United States, but he chose to move across the country to join a team that already had a star QB in Lawrence. He wanted to go somewhere he would be challenged. And he wanted to learn from the Tigers' established superstar.

He knows Notre Dame is a good school, he said. And it's pretty cool they made a movie about "Rudy." Other than that? He didn't know too much about the Irish until he sat down to watch film this week.

Funny thing is, Lawrence hasn't had much to teach him this week. They've shared a Zoom screen during meetings prepping for the Irish, and Lawrence will travel with the team and be on the sideline for Saturday's game. But the offense is in Uiagalelei's hands, and Lawrence isn't too worried about that. His advice for Uiagalelei: Stay calm, look for your keys, play your game.

What else can you tell a guy with this much talent? After all, this was meant to be.

Big Dave got a call from a good friend after Saturday's game. The friend works with Snoop Dogg, and they'd met when Big Dave was doing security years ago. Back in those days, Big Dave would go on and on about his boy, the hulking 9-year-old with the cannon arm who was going to be a great quarterback one day.

Now, his friend was calling to say congratulations. Not to D.J., but to his dad.

"We all thought you were crazy," he told Big Dave. "But man, you were right."

-- NO. 6 LB MIKE JONES JR. --

With Isaiah Simmons headed for the NFL, it's LB Mike Jones Jr.'s time at Clemson

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CLEMSON, S.C. — Like many college football players, Mike Jones Jr. is a creature of habit.

Every day, without exception, the Clemson redshirt sophomore linebacker calls his father, Mike Jones Sr. And every day, they talk shop.

"After every single practice," Jones Jr. said. "I need it. I appreciate it."

Jones Sr., who now lives in Venice, Fla., played defensive end at NC State in the late 1980s before he spent the 1990s playing nine seasons in the NFL for Phoenix, New England, St. Louis and Tennessee, including two Super Bowl appearances. Sometimes, it's right at 8:45 a.m., after a morning workout, when Jones Jr. calls. Other times, it's in the evening after a full Tigers practice under coach Dabo Swinney. Regardless, father and son always make time.

Recently, those chats have become increasingly positive.

"It's exciting. I find myself every day expecting Mike to bring me good news about what he's accomplished to help him reach his goal. He wants it really bad," Jones Sr. said. "He wants to be a great leader and a great playmaker on that team — and so it's a joy to talk with him about the lessons learned."

Indeed, things are trending upward for Jones Jr., whose "stock is way up" midway through Clemson's spring season, Swinney said. Jones, who was credited with 19 tackles in 15 games last season, is reportedly better in every area — from confidence and awareness to anticipation and speed. That's no small feat in defensive coordinator Brent Venables' system, which demands much of its players mentally, especially the linebackers. But then again, Jones Jr. isn't taking any of this lightly.

Four inches shorter and five pounds lighter than his predecessor at Clemson's nickel/SAM position, Jones Jr. knows he has one of the most precarious challenges of any defender on Clemson's roster.

Isaiah Simmons in 2019 won Clemson's first Butkus Award, given to the nation's top linebacker. He was quite possibly the most athletic recruit Swinney ever had and showed that on a weekly basis with freakish versatility. He projects to be a top-10 pick in next month's NFL Draft.

"You try not to think about it," Jones said of the pressure. "(But) that's probably what I do best. Just focus on myself."

Simmons will be back on campus this week for Clemson's Pro Day but will arrive as a representation of Clemson's past. The 6-0, 225-pound Jones Jr. is the future. And with some fatherly help, he wants to make it clear he's ready for this to be his year.

"(Isaiah) is a freakish talent, but (from his) teaching and being around him, I feel like I'm a freak. Just like him," Jones Jr. said. "I hope he goes No. 1 in the draft. But I believe in myself, I believe in Coach V putting us in good situations.

"I expect no drop-off."

After Jones Sr.'s playing days were over, he started to raise a family with his wife, Javonda, who built a career as a vocalist. Javonda doesn't sing professionally anymore — just around the house — but it was clear from the onset that she and Jones Sr. shared an appreciation for work ethic. It was important their children see that, something Jones Jr. appreciates now that he's trying to make a name for himself with the regular College Football Playoff contenders.

"Absolutely — my wife has always been a hardworking lady and she's always instilled that in our kids from the time they got in school and started getting assigned homework," Jones Sr. said. "We always talked about setting goals and just handling our responsibilities. (Our kids) watched her do it with some of the things that she's done in her life. And that's just the way we are."

The Jones family includes four children, two boys and two girls who found their own passions early.

Steven, the eldest sibling, lives in Nashville, Tenn., and played college football at Tennessee as an offensive tackle from 2003 to 2007. You might know Jones Jr.'s older sister, Courtney, by her nickname: Coco Jones. Like her mother, Courtney got into music early and is now a prominent singer, songwriter and actress who is known for becoming a Disney Channel star as a teenager.

Then there's Mike Jr., third in the order, and Aja, the baby of the family. Aja is a middle blocker on Florida Gulf Coast's volleyball team, which keeps the Jones parents busy juggling her competitions with Mike's in the fall.

As the son of an NFL player, Jones Jr. already had an advantage over his peers when he came to Clemson in that he could always talk ball with someone who played the game at the highest level. But from the rest of his family, he has also learned the value of patience. Combine each of those factors with his natural athletic ability and it makes sense that he feels confident.

"Since I've been young, my sister (Courtney) has been super busy. I used to always be like, 'Oh my gosh, that can't be her — on Disney Channel.' But the patience thing, my sister is a grinder. Every day since she was, like, seven years old," Jones Jr. said. "I've been playing football for a long time, but her industry, I feel like it's a long business. You can go such a long time without seeing any progress and then all of a sudden, it's just like, 'Boom. You made it.' That would probably be the main thing I learned."

For what it's worth, Jones Sr. says Courtney is the best athlete in the family. But when it became clear Jones Jr. was crazy about football, it was the younger brother who started to get most of the athletic attention.

Jones Sr. had an inclination that Jones Jr. had FBS-type talent when he was in the eighth grade. It wasn't clear at that point how big Jones Jr. would get, and he's still one of the shortest linebackers on Clemson's depth chart at 6-foot. But the athletic ability was there, and so was the passion. If anything, Jones Sr. pumped the brakes on his son's obsession with the game. When they visited college camps, Jones Jr., even as an eighth-grader, would work out with varsity high school players. He started to win one-on-one battles, which quickly grabbed college coaches' attention.

"Mike maybe started going to Clemson's camps when he was in sixth or seventh grade and, really, it was because my father took me to Clemson's camps when I was in middle school in eighth, ninth, 10th grade," said Jones Sr., a native of Columbia, S.C. "So I took him to Clemson camp and he absolutely fell in love with Coach Swinney and the whole Clemson program.

"Going into his 10th-grade year, it was all about the Tigers, and I wasn't surprised."

Before Jones Jr.'s junior year of high school, he moved from Nashville to Bradenton, Fla., to enroll at the prestigious IMG Academy. There, he was the teammate of Clemson defensive end Xavier Thomas and was listed as a four-star recruit.

"He's got twitch, he's physical, he's got good top-end speed, good linear speed but he's got good quickness, too," Venables said. "He's got a savviness about him. He understands football.

"He didn't have his lip stuck out watching Isaiah play in front of him. He tried to learn and be a sponge and he admired and respected Isaiah. Sure, he wanted his time, but he really valued having an opportunity to learn from Isaiah."

What makes Venables the envy of so many college programs across the country is that he has become a master at tweaking his defensive plan to fit the personnel he has.

That won't change with Jones Jr.

While there are parts of Simmons' game that Jones Jr. will try to directly emulate, as Venables said, there are other areas that will be unique to what he brings with his own size and skill set.

"(Isaiah), he's a more long, rangy guy. Definitely, I'd say he's better at playing against deep balls. Little slot receivers — stuff like that," Jones Jr. said. "It's just changing little tweaks into our coverages and stuff like that. Instead of maybe pressing a No. 2 receiver, I'll play 7 yards off and get more of a backpedal. Just playing around with leverages and stuff like that … even though I'm not a 6-5, 4.2 (seconds) guy like (Isaiah)."

Jones Sr. has talked with his son specifically about how the nickel at Clemson lends itself to versatility. It is one that requires containing ball carriers both laterally and vertically. Father and son have also talked about making plays on blitz calls, covering one-on-one and Jones Jr. learning his individual role and the way it matters in a larger context.

"One of the main things I tell him is: I went through all these years of getting my butt kicked and learning lessons so it wouldn't have to take him as long to learn these lessons," Jones Sr. said. "I'm constantly sharing with him the things that I think he should be doing daily."

Through eight spring practices, Jones Jr. said he has had more fun this spring than he has at any other point at Clemson. He won't be Simmons — there's just the one — but Clemson isn't going to ask that of him either.

"I'm a grinder, man," he said. "I've kind of just been around a good situation and once you get to the real world, once you get to college, everything's not super easy.

"Work hard and just keep working."

-- NO. 6 WR E.J. WILLIAMS --

He's 'a faster Ross.' Clemson freshman receiver draws comparisons to Tigers star

BY MATT CONNOLLY, THE STATE
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Two years ago, Clemson went to Alabama and nabbed the No. 1 receiver in the state in Justyn Ross.

That worked out pretty well for the Tigers as the Phenix City, Alabama native led Clemson with 1,000 receiving yards as a freshman in 2018 and a team-high 66 receptions last year.

Ross was one of the top receivers each of the past two years for a Clemson program that won the national title in 2018 and finished as the runner-up in 2019.

Clemson once again went to Phenix City and signed the No. 1 receiver in the state for the class of 2020. Through the first spring practices, it appears that move is going to pay off for the Tigers as well.

E.J. Williams, who committed to Clemson over offers from Auburn, Alabama, LSU and others last August,

has been showcasing his talents throughout the spring and could make an immediate impact for the Tigers this fall. Williams looked up to Ross as the two attended the same high school — Central High. And Clemson coach Dabo Swinney sees plenty of similarities in the way the two play.

"He's a faster Ross. He can fly. He reminds me of Justyn and how he's got a really great ability to cut and change direction and just cut on a dime," Swinney said. "But he's got unbelievable top-end speed. I mean, he can fly. And Ross can run. But he's another level. Just really excited."

Williams caught 44 passes for 739 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior in 2019, averaging nearly 17 yards per reception.

He was rated as the No. 68 overall player in the country, the No. 13 receiver nationally and the third best player in the state of Alabama by the 247Sports Composite rankings.

Tigers receiver Amari Rodgers, who is expected to join Ross in the starting lineup this fall, also sees plenty of similarities between the Alabama natives.

"He kind of reminds me of Ross," Rodgers said of Williams. "They came from the same school and they grew up together, so they kind of have the same skill set. It's kind of weird.

"He's going to be special. He's definitely got to work on putting weight on, but that comes with every freshman that comes in here. But he's out here making plays already so I'm excited to see what he turns into."

Tigers offensive coordinator Tony Elliott did not follow Williams closely during the recruiting process. Former co-offensive coordinator and receivers coach Jeff Scott and defensive tackles coach Todd Bates were the coaches most involved with the pursuit of Williams.

But Elliott has seen enough of Williams this spring to make a judgment on the kind of player Clemson landed.

"He's very, very fluid. He's got that sudden change of direction, very similar to Ross," Elliott said. "And I think he might just be a little faster than Ross."

-- NO. 9 RB TRAVIS ETIENNE --

'The NFL is going to be there': Travis Etienne opens up about return to Clemson

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
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CLEMSON, S.C. — In Travis Etienne's family home, located in small-town Jennings, La., decisions of utmost importance are made in the TV room. It has a large sectional couch, mounted television, fireplace and, most importantly, space for two parents and four children. And in the 72 hours after Clemson's national championship loss to LSU in January, it was full.

"Mom, dad, sisters, brothers … the whole team," said Donnetta Etienne, the mother of Clemson's all-time leading rusher. "We make decisions as a family."

Travis, the family's third-born child and eldest son, could head to the 2020 NFL Draft and earn life-changing money, projected to be picked in the late first round or early second round. Or, despite playing a position notorious for brief careers, he could return to Clemson for his senior season, earn his degree in sports communication and try to improve his stock for the 2021 draft.

Ahead of last season, Clemson helped Etienne secure a two-year insurance policy, paying for at least some of the premium through the Student Assistance Fund, as is permitted by NCAA rules. Clemson declined to provide more specifics about the types of coverage.

"We prepared for both sides," Donnetta said. "We prepared to go, prepared to stay.

"He always — no matter what we said — he always had a strong tendency about coming back to school. … That was his honest answer."

On Jan. 17, the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft, he stunned many by announcing he'd instead return to Clemson.

But Etienne, in reality, had been leaning toward coming back for some time. He waited until the last minute to make his choice public, he revealed Monday, as part of a master plan hatched to skip a few days of class and play NBA 2K video games at home with his friends.

"It wasn't hard at all," he said, grinning. "I was just kind of milking the system."

So here he is, back on campus, taking reps during spring practice and gearing up for one more year in which everything is on the line. Students he has never met regularly thank him. They ask for photos, too. But Etienne also understands the questions about what could be deemed a risky decision.

"Leaving for the second round has just never been a dream of mine. I feel like I can do so much better," he said. "The NFL is going to be there. I wasn't leaving for no second-round draft grade."

When it comes to Etienne, there's one thing Rusty Phelps is certain about:

"Travis is a thinker," Etienne's high school coach said. "He thinks about it before he makes a decision. There is no rushed decision."

Behind the scenes, Etienne started to weigh his options as early as mid-December, when he scheduled a private meeting with Dabo Swinney in the head coach's office. Swinney sits down with all of his draft-eligible prospects each year to discuss their futures, giving them the floor first to talk through their mindsets. Then he'll get into the logistics of their draft grades and feedback.

When Etienne walked in ahead of Clemson's College Football Playoff semifinal matchup with Ohio State, he had a question for Swinney: Was he getting better in the Tigers' system?

"Of course," Swinney told him.

That's when Etienne first floated the idea of a return. He spoke about how much he enjoyed the college experience and made clear how badly he wanted a degree. Given Etienne's accomplishments – an ACC record for career rushing touchdowns and about 4,000 career rushing yards – Swinney was a bit surprised. But Etienne wondered if he might feel incomplete leaving early. He wanted to be a no-doubt first-rounder. And even if his draft grade didn't improve, at least he'd have a diploma.

"Sometimes you have guys who see the bigger picture. Some guys are patient, some guys are not patient. Everybody's motivated by different factors and they have different dynamics in their lives," Swinney said. "(Etienne) really was kind of leaning that way and I said, 'Well, why is that?' And he told me why, and I said, 'OK. Well, we've got a conversation we need to have."'

Etienne was publicly coy in the following weeks, leaving all of his options open when asked where things were headed.

Back when Etienne was being recruited by colleges, Phelps remembered him devouring every possible detail about a program. He said he believes Etienne applied that same logical approach this time.

Then there was this advice from a close friend back home that provided Etienne with a sense of comfort.

Whatever you did to make the decision to go to Clemson, use that same thought process.

"It just clicked right there," Etienne said. "I knew what I needed to do."

To celebrate, Travis Etienne Sr. took the family out to a Louisiana buffet for dinner. At peace, Etienne Jr. inhaled etouffee and gumbo.

After Etienne's freshman season, he made a conscious effort to improve his pass protection – a part of his game he once referred to as a "train wreck."

After his sophomore year, he spent hours working on catching balls from quarterback Trevor Lawrence. He had struggled with drops.

Now, the next steps are showing the NFL that he can contribute on special teams and that he can improve as a route runner.

Clemson has used Etienne as a kick returner and worked him on punt returns during Monday's spring practice, despite his jokes that he is probably sixth on the depth chart there. But he wants to prove to NFL teams that he is a complete player. His desire to improve as a route runner comes after he finished 2019 with 37 catches for 432 yards and four touchdowns. That was up from 12 catches for 78 yards and two touchdowns in 2018 and five receptions and no touchdowns in 2017.

"Just being a threat with the deep ball now," he said. "Just continue to master my craft and be a threat with or without the ball. … If I just continue to work on the little things, my overall game is going to improve, and that way I can be on the field any time."

Etienne can make a case to be the first running back taken off the board in 2021 if he stays healthy. Alabama's Josh Jacobs was the only running back selected in the first round of the 2019 draft. Picked No. 24 overall, he reportedly signed a four-year rookie deal of nearly $12 million guaranteed. Miles Sanders was the next-highest running back, selected in the second round and No. 53 overall, reportedly signing a four-year contract worth $5.3 million, with $3.1 million guaranteed.

Donnetta said that when it comes to the possibility of injury, the family instead focuses on its Christian faith.

Clemson can also manage how much it uses Etienne because it also can turn to backup Lyn-J Dixon. Etienne ran for 1,614 yards in 2019, but did it on 207 carries, just 13.8 per game.

The insurance policy offers at least something of a safety net.

Just last week, Etienne visited a pizza place in Clemson with friends. They watched on TV as teammate Isaiah Simmons lined up to run the 40-yard dash at the NFL combine in Indianapolis. It was once considered a given that Etienne would be running there, too. The speedsters have long had a friendly competition about who is faster.

"When (Simmons) ran that 4.39, I texted the group chat. I was like, 'Dang. He's got me wanting to work this pizza off.' I was at a Joe's New York Pizza eating a meat lovers," Etienne said. "Just watching him run, I was like, 'Damn, I've got to go home, hit a couple push-ups. Get a little jog in or something.' That man was flying.

"(But) I ate my pizza. Enjoyed myself."

-- NO. 10 LB BAYLON SPECTOR --

How Baylon Spector went from no offers before Clemson to being Tigers' top tackler

BY MATT CONNOLLY, THE STATE
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Baylon Spector was already a star on his high school team as a sophomore, playing both ways while helping

Calhoun High (Ga.) to an undefeated season and a state title.

But heading into his junior year in the summer of 2015, Spector was still searching for someone to give him an opportunity to play college football somewhere.

The versatile playmaker, whose father Robbie played receiver at Clemson in the early 1990s, was traveling around to different camps throughout the southeast hoping to catch the attention of a coaching staff.

When he arrived at Clemson for a three-day camp, he had zero scholarship offers. He left with the offer he desired most.

"I remember just hoping and praying that I could get an offer from somewhere," Spector recalled.

That three-day camp ended up shaping Spector's football career and his future. Spector played all over the field for Hal Lamb at Calhoun High, spending time at quarterback, running back, cornerback and safety.

On the first day of Clemson's camp in 2015, he was working out with the safeties for defensive backs coach Mike Reed before Tigers defensive coordinator Brent Venables suggested Spector give linebacker a try. It didn't take Spector long to make an impression on Venables.

"Venables came over to Coach (Dabo) Swinney and said, 'Hey, I don't know who this long-haired kid is over here, but he can play,' " Robbie Spector said. "That sort of hammered home the fact that he's got legitimate opportunity, and if they're seeing something with him the first day of drills, then this could very well become a reality for us."

It soon did.

By the end of the camp, Spector had earned an offer from Clemson and committed shortly thereafter to his dream school.

He was the lowest-ranked player in Clemson's 14-man recruiting class for 2017, but both parties felt good about the match. The Tigers believed they had a difference maker in Spector, and Spector felt that he was going to get to learn from the best defensive mind in college football in Venables. The three-star recruit and No. 61-ranked player in Georgia was ready to get to work.

"I think they do a phenomenal job recruiting," Lamb said of Clemson. "They're going to recruit to their fit. It's not about chasing all the best five stars and all of that. They're going to recruit to their fit, and that's what I like. They're high-quality coaches."

THE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD

Venables is arguably the best defensive coordinator in college football, and he demands excellence and accountability from his players — especially his linebackers.

Spector started out at Sam linebacker as a freshman, before moving inside to Will in his first year. For a guy who had never played inside linebacker before, doing so for the first time in Venables' system was a challenge.

"As a freshman you're like, 'Ah, I don't know if I'll ever be' … you see all the old guys and they have it down and our defense is so complex. Mentally, it's just totally different," Spector said.

Spector took a redshirt his first year on campus in 2017, before playing 62 snaps over 15 games in 2018.

He observed closely the work of Kendall Joseph, Dorian O'Daniel, J.D. Davis and Judah Davis, who were ahead of him on the depth chart his first two years, taking note of the extra film study they took part in and the extra reps they got after practice.

He also spent plenty of time talking with Venables and realized what is required to succeed at a program like Clemson.

"I've never met a guy that will push you so hard to be the best that you can be on and off the field," Spector said of Venables. "To come in and watch extra tape, to get your stuff done, to be a great person of faith. He demands excellence out of everybody he runs into. And that's a special, unique character trait that he has. I'm thankful to have him as a coach and for him to have this small little time in my life to make me the best that I can be."

BECOMING A LEADER

The extra film study, extra reps and constant desire to get better is paying off for Spector in 2020.

After contributing regularly off the bench last year, recording 45 tackles, six tackles for loss and a pair of sacks, Spector is Clemson's leading tackler through four games this season.

He not only leads the Tigers in tackles with 27, but he's second in tackles for loss with five and is tied for the team lead in sacks with 2.5.

"He's a great player," Swinney said. "Their talent gets them here, and their skills develop. If you've got the work ethic, you're going to make it. But you've got to put the work in. You've gotta go earn it. Baylon is the epitome of that."

Spector is one of eight new starters on Clemson's defense for 2020, a unit that entered the season with question marks but ranks in the top 10 nationally in tackles for loss, sacks scoring defense.

Spector has led Clemson in tackles each of the last two games and earned Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against Virginia after recording 13 tackles, including 1.5 for loss. He, along with fellow linebacker James Skalski, have been nicknamed the "bruise brothers" by Swinney because they seem to always be around the ball and pack a punch when they arrive.

"He and Skalski, it's a reflection of how they practice. I mean, I'm telling you, every single rep at practice is a game rep for those two guys. They put a ton of work in every week to get themselves ready to play," Swinney said. "It's just good to see them enjoy the fruits of their labor a little bit, because I know how hard they work. It's the unseen grind."

FAMILY TIES

Baylon isn't the only Spector making plays for Clemson this season. His brother, Brannon Spector, is a redshirt freshman receiver for the Tigers.

The younger Spector brother is tied for fifth on Clemson's team in receptions with eight for 58 yards and has already drawn comparisons to Hunter Renfrow for his ability to find holes in opposing defenses and make plays.

"Brannon's gonna be another great one for us for the next several years," Swinney said.

While the brothers have similarities, including the fact that they were both three-star prospects, there are also some differences. For one, Brannon has been working to play receiver his whole life and didn't have to learn a new position once he came to college. That has helped him to get on the field quickly.

"That's what he's dreamed of. That's what he's practiced. That's what he's always worked at," Robbie said. "So for him, the transition in college hasn't necessarily been as tough because of his background and things that he and I have worked on and the things I was fortunate enough to teach him my knowledge."

Baylon, Brannon and the Tigers will be in the Spectors' home state of Georgia this weekend as the Tigers face Georgia Tech in Atlanta, about an hour from where the brothers grew up.

And Robbie will be in the stands.

When Baylon and Brannon were kids, it was them sitting in the bleachers with Robbie, hearing stories about his playing days with the Tigers. Now Robbie gets to sit in the stands and watch his sons play for the program he was once a part of.

"It's almost like a dream come true, but you dreamed it and were like, 'No, that's not really possible,' " Robbie said. "To actually sit there and watch it happen, it's a blessing that you can't necessarily put into words."

-- NO. 11 DL BRYAN BRESEE --

A 'wrecking ball' and a 'werewolf': The talents of Clemson freshman Bryan Bresee

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
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CLEMSON, S.C. — Patrick Reeves is used to the questions by now.

When clients walk through the doors of PR Strength in Gaithersburg, Md., where the 31-year-old owns his own gym and serves as the personal trainer for celebrated Clemson freshman defensive tackle Bryan Bresee, they often want to know the same thing.

"People always ask, 'What's the most (weight) Bryan has done?'" Reeves said.

"And I tell them, 'I really don't think I'll ever see another kid do some of the stuff he's done in the gym at his age.'"

Bresee, 18 and from nearby Damascus, Md., once bench pressed 455 pounds. Reeves has seen the 6-foot-5, 290-pounder squat 645 pounds and power clean 315 pounds. The latter happened when he was still a high school junior and building his reputation on the football field as the top prospect of the 2020 class.

Bresee's high school coach at Damascus, Eric Wallich, once thought Georgia was the favorite to land Bresee. But the lineman instantly clicked with Clemson's staff once he started visiting the Tigers, and he signed with the program in December. Despite not yet playing a snap at the collegiate level, Bresee's ability and potential are highly anticipated.

"Think (former Clemson defensive tackle) Christian Wilkins," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said to a group of boosters in December. "But bigger, stronger, heavier-handed, a little more violent."

Bresee is expected to be the next star in Clemson's trenches, having left Damascus with 134 career tackles — 80.5 of which were tackles for loss. In 2019 alone, Bresee racked up 14 sacks to go with 30.5 tackles for loss.

Bresee and his team won two state championships and suffered just three losses in three years.

He is Clemson's third No. 1 overall recruit in program history, following the signing of defensive end Da'Quan Bowers in 2008 and quarterback Trevor Lawrence in 2018.

To better understand Bresee's athletic feats, The Athletic spoke with those who have experienced him firsthand, from Reeves to high school coaches in Maryland and an opposing quarterback who knows all too well what it's like to endure a hit by Bresee.

"You see him when you watch him on film, that's one thing. But then you see him live, and that's a different story," said John Kelley, the head coach of Quince Orchard High, which defeated Damascus in 2019.

"He's a wrecking ball … a werewolf."

Bresee comes from a family of athletes. His mother, Meghan, was an All-America basketball player at Frederick Community College in Maryland. His father, Rich, was an offensive lineman at James Madison. His older sister, Kendall, is a 5-10 guard/forward on the basketball team at Mount St. Mary's University in

Maryland.

Bresee was in middle school when he began turning heads.

Kelley: The first time I actually heard about him, he was an eighth grader. … And he was already probably like, 6-foot or 6-1, 210 pounds maybe then, and could run. You knew he was going to be a good player. He's a big, athletic kid.

Reeves: Just seeing him in person for the first time, you could tell that he was definitely capable of doing some pretty crazy things.

Rick Conner, head coach of Linganore High, which lost to Damascus 38-0 in the 2019 state championship: We played him when he was a freshman when he played at Urbana High School, and I thought watching tape, I was like, "Eh he's good for a freshman." After the game, I said he was special. He was really good.

Fast forward three years later, we're playing in the state championship game while he's at Damascus, and his size was just off the chart. His first step, the way he uses his hands, he's really mastered his craft at the line of scrimmage on the defensive side of the ball. But his first step was really impressive.

Kelley: You don't see kids like that very often.

Wallich started coaching Bresee when he was a sophomore. Bresee transferred to Damascus from Urbana, both about 45 miles west of Baltimore.

Wallich: It's extra special for me because I've known (Bresee) most of his life.

I kind of watched him grow up, and it's interesting, he was actually a quarterback when he was little going through little league. As he kept growing … it was just apparent right away that this was a freakish kid.

Bresee was a full-time member of the defensive line as a sophomore, while serving as a part-time tight end on offense. As a junior, he was a part-time offensive tackle and a full-time defensive lineman.

Wallich: Then by his senior year, he was full time on both sides of the ball and the best player on the field at all times.

We just couldn't block him in practice. He would literally ruin your practice. … His senior year, I've never seen anything like that.

Kelley: You make a decision of, "Do you want to run at him or do you want to run away from him?" It's kind of hard to do both.

I can just remember him making numerous plays and it's like, "Gosh dang it." There's nothing you can do.

Kelley's Quince Orchard team decided it would run away from Bresee in an effort to neutralize him at the point of attack in the win last September. Kurt Stein, the other coach to beat Bresee and Damascus, knew from film study to put multiple bodies on Bresee. When his Oakdale team beat Damascus in the 2018 playoffs, it set the stage for the program's first state title.

Stein: On tape, I saw him one time take two guys who were double-teaming him and then sack the quarterback in a four-man pile: the two guys that were blocking him, him and the quarterback. Against us, the last play of the first half, he was on the stunt to the inside gap, so he lined up as like a five-technique and he shot the B gap, and he knocked our freaking running back head over heels.

I was like, "Holy smokes." He got off the ball right on the snap and we never even got a glove on him on the stunt. Goodness gracious.

Collin Schlee, former Oakdale quarterback and a redshirt freshman at Kent State: You have to find a way to stop him before you stop anybody else. … In the pass game, we'd put our tackle on him, along with our running back and our fullback, just basically putting everybody that's not doing anything on him to stop him from getting to me.

Schlee said he was never sacked by Bresee that night, a testament to his offensive line. But he did experience the force of Bresee when the defensive tackle brought him down on a late hit that was ultimately a penalty. It was a competitive play, not a dirty one, Schlee said.

Schlee: It hurt. He crushed me.

At first, I didn't know it was him, and then I was like, "No one else has hit me harder," and I looked back, and he's standing over top of me. … I didn't like Damascus that much, but I liked the way he played. He has really good character and cares about the game a lot.

Those who have played Bresee say he plays until the whistle is blown. He also has a combination of speed and power that is rare.

Paul Friel, head coach of Huntingtown, which lost to Damascus 21-14 in the state semifinals of the 2019 playoffs: When he grabs a hold of you, that's pretty much it. You're not going to get out of his grip.

Wallich: Somebody that big shouldn't be that fast.

Kelley: He's doing things that a guy who is 200 pounds does. But that's the difference.

Friel: His motor goes 100 miles per hour.

That speed was on full display in Damascus' 2019 state championship run, when Bresee and Co. were playing Franklin High School in the state quarterfinals.

Wallich: Franklin is really good in our area. They've won a bunch of state titles.

It was like fourth-and-1, and if we get a first down, we win. We're running out the clock, and everybody was kind of giving their input on what play we should run. We had practiced (a package with Bresee), but it was more for the goal line. This was probably around the 30, 40-yard line, and he was like, "Coach," he just looked at me in my eyes and he was like, "I'll get it."

I just said, "OK."

We went with that package, and he ended up not only getting the first down, but he actually broke through and he had like a 30-, 40-yard run for a touchdown with guys just draped all over him. It was crazy.

Perhaps that's why Clemson has already said Bresee will be part of its jumbo package, designed for linemen in short-yardage and goal-line situations.

In the meantime, those around Maryland high school football have some advice for ACC offensive coordinators.

Friel: Don't make the mistake of thinking you can one-on-one block him all the time. It won't work. You have to assign two people to him at the point of attack or any pass play.

Schlee: I would tell them, "Make sure you know where he is at all times because he's a big man, and if he gets a hold of you, he's going to do some damage on you. Feed your O-line a little extra that week."

Kelley: He's the best high school player since I've been coaching high school football (beginning in 2009) that we've played against.

Like, no question.

-- NO. 11 WR AJOU AJOU --

Clemson freshman Ajou Ajou has plenty of Canadian support

BY JOSH NEEDELMAN, THE POST & COURIER
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CLEMSON — There was a bit of confusion among Clemson parents last January when wide receiver Ajou Ajou showed up for his official recruiting visit. He was joined by his mother, Monica Dut, and another woman: She had light skin, curly brown hair and hardly left Ajou's side.

Katelynn McColl calls Ajou her "kid," but she has no blood relation to the gangly freshman about whom coach Dabo Swinney can't stop raving. She's simply a helping hand to Dut, who is a single mother, and a self-described "bonus mom" to Ajou and his four siblings.

In South Sudan, Dut's home country, it's not uncommon for communities to raise children.

"When we left, she said, 'I don't understand why people are asking. You're just family,'" McColl said.

So it was hardly a surprise, then, that McColl got emotional when Ajou scored the first touchdown of his college career in last weekend's 73-7 win at Georgia Tech. The magnitude of the moment is not lost on her.

"He's still going to get in trouble from us if he's misbehaving. He's still our kid," McColl said, chuckling. "But to the world he's, like, this superstar."

Ajou grew up in Brooks, a city in southeast Alberta, Canada, of about 14,500 people with an economy that runs on oil and gas energy and agriculture. So did McColl, the child of parents who were working class but always present.

It wasn't until she started working as a local basketball coach that she realized some families struggle more than others. During one tournament, she learned one of her players had been given just five Canadian dollars (the equivalent of about $3.81) for food the entire weekend.

"In that moment I was like 'Holy.' What a tough situation for a child to be put in.'' McColl said. "You're alone on a trip with five (Canadian) dollars and you have to feed yourself for four meals, and how horrible that would be.

"I think every kid deserves the world and to have the best situation possible. If I can help them in the smallest way or in the biggest way, I'm just going to."

Ajou (pronounced uh-JOE) became a player for her U-17 team when he was 14, and it wasn't long before they developed a deeper relationship. He was a bouncy, goofy kid who loved to dance, and she took a liking to him. Soon, she became the person with whom he would share his feelings; his emergency contact; his chaperone to doctors appointments and sports practices.

Ajou's mother, who works long hours as a laborer in a meat packing plant, welcomed McColl's support.

McColl, 32, continued to keep tabs on him when he transferred to Harry Ainlay High School in the much larger city of Edmonton, about a four-hour drive from Brooks, for two years. And then to Clearwater (Fla.) Academy International for his senior year. The distance was harder on Dut and McColl than Ajou.

His face time with McColl was sparse. On one such occasion, she was driving him back from a basketball tournament when "House Party" by the country music singer Sam Hunt came on the car speakers.

Ajou, normally more of a hip-hop fan, danced in his seat and sang all the words. McColl, a country music fan, was taken aback.

"I laughed and said, 'You might actually be my kid,'" she said. "Most of the time the boys hate country music."

McColl understands why the 6-3, 215-pound Ajou gets along so well with Swinney, who famously introduced himself to the wide receiver by referring to himself as "Dabo Dabo." Both are kind of silly and like to have fun.

Swinney is also an admirer of Ajou's ability. He's hyped up the freshman for months, and Tigers fans learned why when Ajou caught a screen pass last Saturday and juked his way to the 35-yard touchdown run.

The score produced buzz back home. McColl said two

major Alberta television networks and the Edmonton Sun newspaper ran stories in the past week.

Ajou was even invited by a local junior hockey team to drop the opening puck whenever he's back home.

A Canadian podcaster on Tuesday popped into Swinney's weekly press conference to ask about Ajou. Swinney beamed: "Oh, Canada! We have gone international."

The coach said he's never had a player quite like Ajou, with his long limbs and funky dance moves.

"What I love about Ajou is his self awareness," Swinney said. "He's this uber-talented guy. But he knows that he has so much to learn, and he's not embarrassed by that. He's not too cool for school."

McColl might take umbrage with that; she often had to fight to get Ajou to complete his homework in high school. Her head is still spinning from all the attention.

She knows Ajou has room to grow, and there's much more for him to accomplish. But last weekend felt like it could be a seminal moment.

A couple weeks back, Ajou told McColl the next time he was thrown the ball he'd employ his basketball moves to juke past defenders and reach the end zone. Sure enough, with fewer than eight minutes left against Georgia Tech, fourth-string quarterback Hunter Helms fired a screen pass to Ajou.

Rangy legs carrying him forward, Ajou juked one Yellow Jackets defender, and then another. One grabbed on to his hips but was shaken off. McColl, ever the coach, stood up in the stands and mimicked his footwork.

He was finally brought down in the end zone and mobbed by his teammates. Minutes later the blowout was complete, and Ajou approached the stands searching for McColl.

He couldn't find her amid the mass of other players' family members, so McColl let out her distinctive whistle. They locked eyes, a teen and his "bonus mom," and they ran toward each other, deliriously happy.

Ajou Ajou loves Clemson so much he wants the Canadian media to come for a visit

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Ajou Ajou grew up in Brooks, Alberta, a small community that is known for its farming, energy sector, and meatpacking and processing plants. It sits not quite halfway between Calgary and Medicine Hat and has a population roughly the same size as a place in South Carolina named Clemson.

Ajou's family hails from Sudan and he was born in Calgary. Immigrants into that part of Canada find jobs working in the meatpacking plants. His parents work for JBS Canada, a beef supplier with 2600 employees spread across Canada, and he grew up understanding the meaning of hard work. He also grew up wondering what else was out there in the wide world beyond Brooks, a place that he says is "boring" and doesn't have a shopping mall.

He feels blessed to be a part of the Clemson experience.

"It's crazy, for sure. Coming from Brooks, I am really just super thankful," Ajou said in his first meeting with the Clemson media Monday. "You can't ask for much more than this. Brooks is very boring. We don't have much. We don't have a mall. We kind of play sports to keep us busy."

In an effort to increase his visibility, Ajou moved to Florida and played at Clearwater International Academy for his senior season.

"I moved to Florida last year on February 28th of last year and it was great. It taught me a lot," he said. "Just meeting new people and finally playing American football, where you don't get the 10-yard head start. It was awesome."

A visit to head coach Dabo Swinney's high school camp in June of 2019 opened Ajou's eyes to the possibilities of attending Clemson.

"When you are driving into Clemson - we took the backroads - it was country and farms, and I was like, 'Wow, this is kind of looking like Brooks, my hometown,'" he said. "It wasn't even the school really, like yes, the school, but just the people. I heard the population here is 14,000 and Brooks population is 14,000. So, I'm like you really can't make this up, and I was just connecting the dots really. Everyone's nice, everyone just wants to see you grow and win. It's kind of like Brooks in a sense because it takes a village to raise a child. Just the coaches and the way they help me and make sure I'm good, in anything. I just love that."

It didn't take long for the Clemson coaching staff to recognize the raw potential in the recruit from a small town in Canada and make an offer. Ajou wanted to give an answer to Swinney on the spot, but took Swinney's advice and took his time and committed in late July.

"The moment he (Dabo Swinney) offered me, I wanted to say yeah I'm committed," Ajou said. But he said, 'I don't want you to commit now I want you to go look at your options, you're still new to this.' But I already knew definitely that I was coming here."

Ajou is still learning the game and learning to play the position and has caught two passes this season for 41 yards. One of those was a 35-yard touchdown reception against Georgia Tech that showed off his incredible athletic ability.

'I catch the ball and I look and I'm like 'Oh man, this is really happening,'" Ajou said. "I just got so much adrenaline and then everything is just like it's tunnel vision just getting to the end zone really. I was like hitting my moves and I started running. And I finally get there and I just hear the crowd erupt and I'm like, 'no way.' It was just blurry. I was speechless until I got to the bench. I didn't have anything to say. I was just screaming and my teammates were going crazy. It was just awesome."

Ajou was asked by a member of the Canadian media what it was like to play at Clemson – and for Swinney – and he said his experience has been so positive he wanted the Canadian reporters to come for a visit.

"It's what I wanted to happen, but I can't say I expected it. I always wanted this to happen. It is really amazing," Ajou said. "You guys have to come visit after this corona stuff because this place is really amazing. I haven't played in front of 80,000 fans, but just playing in front of 19,000, I am like, 'Wow, this is great.' And in the practices, they push you to your limit and they want the best out of you, and they really put school first. You are a student before you are an athlete. I really like that, because after football, what is going to happen? And they really emphasize that."

It Takes a Village

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Canadian prairie athletes rising from obscurity to greatness is a long-established narrative in this country.

This one has a modern twist.

For the story of Ajou Ajou is rooted in the unlikely wave of newcomers who descended upon a small city in Alberta, where he grew up surrounded by the love, support and opportunities to chase his dreams.

Homesteaders began settling the area around Brooks, Alta., in the late 1800s, with the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway on what had been buffalo hunting grounds for members of the Blackfoot and other Indigenous groups.

By 1910 it had a post office and a name, chosen to honour a Canadian Pacific Railway engineer from Calgary, which sits nearly 200 kilometres to the northwest.

It stayed an ordinary prairie town through most of the 20th century, rolling through the ups and downs of the oil and gas industry, with agriculture as its steadying backbone. When its population reached 10,000 for the first time in 1996, the faces in Brooks looked exactly as one might imagine in that part of Canada: visible minorities represented less than half of one per cent of the population.

It was the kind of place that never would have imagined the changes that were about transform it.

Those changes began in the mid-1990s, when U.S.-based Tyson Foods bought out Lakeside Packers and announced its intention to expand its work force from roughly 500 people to 2,500, adding positions to its slaughter and meat packing operations.

Initially, the company sought to recruit from within Brooks and southern Alberta cities such as Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, or from some of B.C.'s depressed resource communities. It then looked to Atlantic Canada, from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

When it still wasn't able to fulfil its labour needs from within Canada, Lakeside went beyond our borders to secure personnel from such places in Africa as Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan.

Lakeside worked with a Catholic relief resettlement agency in Calgary, which provided VHS recruitment videos in five different languages. English was not required and pretty much anyone was guaranteed a job.

By the 2000s, the transformation of Brooks was on, as immigrants from around the globe flooded to the city for work, learning on the fly about their new surroundings and ways of life. Nowhere was this more pronounced than in the schools, which became integrated virtually overnight.

Those kids quickly adapted to the ways of their new home, including the sports played in Canada.

One of those sports, football, was fading in Brooks before the newcomers arrived, a victim of year-round commitment to hockey by many of the area's established families.

"When we started to get the number of new Canadians coming to Brooks, I just saw opportunities," said Jaret Hofer, principal of Brooks Junior High School and a long-time youth football coach in the city of 14,000. "If I was to show you my 1999 [BJHS] Roadrunner football team photo next to my 2016 Roadrunner football team photo and went through all the years, you would see the diversity popping up real quick."

Brooks became so diverse, so quickly, that a 49-minute documentary was made about it. Released in 2011, it is called City of 100 Hellos, reflecting the number of languages spoken there.

In the film, there is a shot of a young Sudanese-Canadian boy who's about nine years old eating ice cream.

This boy plays football in Brooks. And one day, people will know his name.

In 2002, Monica Dut took a job at Lakeside Packers in Brooks, a vastly different place than the environment in which she's grown up in Africa.

Dut was born in what is now South Sudan, just

before the outbreak of the Second Sudanese Civil War in 1983, in which rebels from the south were seeking independence from the Muslim north and its doctrine of Sharia Law. It was one of the most brutal conflicts on the globe, with more than 2 million lives lost over 22 years. Child soldiers and slavery were among the myriad of atrocities committed.

Dut's father was in the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, and her earliest memories are of her family fleeing from one town or city to another amid death and destruction.

"People with guns were killing people," she recalls. "We saw them … Life was horrible, I couldn't even go to school because we were running from place to place. Each time we would have to escape to another city or town."

Eventually, her Catholic Dinka family arrived in the Kakuma refugee camp in Northwest Kenya.

Established in 1992, Kakuma was created to accommodate the Lost Boys of Sudan, the name given by aid workers to thousands of Sudanese boys displaced or orphaned by the civil war. The camp had turned into a melting pot of those from across Eastern Africa, somewhere Dut and her family could get the essentials of life while her father came and went to war.

That's where she lived until she was 12, when she was kidnapped by the man who would become her husband and father of her five children.

In what is still considered an acceptable practice in Sudan, he took Dut to another refugee camp, called Ifo, located on a dusty expanse of desert in east Kenya, nearly 1,200 kilometres away. There she became his wife and gave birth to her first child, Bol, when she was 14.

Life there was harder than it had been at Kakuma. Dut battled hunger during pregnancies for Bol and her daughter, Amou, three years later.

She didn't know much about Canada when she, her husband and 14-month-old Amou (oldest son Bol remained in Africa and joined the family later) boarded a plane for Vancouver in April of 2001, touching down in a country where she knew no one and didn't speak the language. At 19, would be living beyond the confines of a refugee camp for the first time since she was a small child.

"I heard [Canada] is good and you can go to school," she said. "But when I came here I didn't get a chance to go to school."

Instead, she became pregnant in B.C, then moved to Calgary to be closer to some Sudanese people with whom she'd been put in contact. The move to Brooks came after the birth of her third child, a boy named Ajou.

Like so many others, she'd come to the small Prairie city from desperate circumstances, willing to take a job that most people in her new home country would not.

"When we come here, we don't have English, we can't find anything," she said. "Then we heard about Lakeside. You don't need English; they just teach you how to cut. That's why we came."

She was in a place where her story was not unique, where there were others just like her who had survived the ravages of war and had come with the optimism that their children could live a better life.

The baby boy she carried with her when she arrived … he would one day become a hometown hero of the new Brooks.

Hofer's first tip about Ajou came from his brother, who happened to live next door to Dut and her five children in Brooks.

Hofer, at the time, was a junior high school phys-ed teacher who coached school and community teams in football and basketball. He'd taught both Ajou's older brother and sister, so he was aware of the family of kids who would show up at his brother's home, asking to play basketball.

"My brother said, 'There's this one kid, Ajou, he's just so athletic,' said Hofer. "I had heard enough stories and seen this boy enough that I said, 'He needs to come now.'

"He was in Grade 3 and he was just this charismatic kid. And he wanted it … That was the beginning of me meeting Ajou and realizing that this kid is going to be spectacular."

Ajou not only had athletic gifts at a young age, but a passion to match them. His mother may still have been trying to make sense of the world into which she'd been dropped, but Ajou's dreams of what he could accomplish in this new world were already in motion.

"I remember in class in Grade 2, the teacher was like, 'What do you guys want to be when you grow up?'," recalls Ajou. "And I was like, 'I want to be a professional athlete, either NBA or NFL.'

"She pulled up this research thing, you know, this research on Google of what percentage make it to NFL type stuff, and it's like 0.00. I just looked at her and I was like, 'Watch me for real. Just watch me.'"

That confidence was no mistake. As he moved toward adolescence it was hard not to watch Ajou, who stood out in everything he did – football, basketball, track and field, soccer, even lacrosse.

"Every sport wanted him," Hofer recalls. "And it was crazy as a coach because all the things that you tell players not to do [in a game], he would do, and he could get away with it."

That would be a theme throughout Ajou's young life, the charismatic kid with the world of talent who loved to do things his own way.

Doing things his own way was how he'd grown up. Ajou's father left the family and returned to Africa when he was eight years old, leaving Dut to juggle working at the plant while caring for her five children - Ajou, Amou, oldest child Bol, who had joined the family from Africa, and younger brothers Akok and Adhal, who was just months old.

"His mom is a strong, caring woman but when it comes to cultural differences, they are vast," said Katelynn McColl, a community basketball coach in Brooks who encountered Ajou when he was 13. "He grew up doing what he wanted, but not always in the best way."

McColl saw in Ajou what everyone did – a warm, charismatic boy with incredible athletic gifts who lacked the structure and discipline to reach his potential. She was determined to change that.

"He adopted me, and I adopted him," said McColl. "He was easy to be around. He was an infectious kid."

If Ajou's family situation would not allow him to be taught the importance of being on time, being prepared, finishing schoolwork and making sound decisions, she would take on that role of teaching him responsibility.

"And so I fill a void," McColl said. "I'm the one who says 'No' a lot."

To strengthen her influence on Ajou, McColl became a virtual member of his family, his "bonus mom" as he came to call her, and the person to whom his family would turn whenever they needed help.

"Katelynn is a godsend, a saviour to this family," Dut said. "I've never seen somebody like her with a heart for people like us. Sometimes people may not care for us or mistreat us. But Katelynn didn't see the colour, she sees human beings."

McColl cooked with Ajou's family, danced in their kitchen with them and became a part of their world. And not just through the easy times.

"I would be, 'Why are you always on me?' " Ajou said. "But she just wanted the best for me – get to school, do this, do that. I'm like, 'Oh my God, can you just leave me alone?' "

But McColl never did.

"She saw I had the courage and she's just going to push me," Ajou said. "I've told her I want to play in the NFL, and she says, 'Okay. If you want that I'm going to hold you to a standard and never bring you down from that.' So I said 'all right.'"

McColl wasn't the only one in Brooks who recognized the need to stand up to Ajou when he wanted to do things his own way.

"I remember from a very early age being incredibly hard on Ajou, telling him, 'That may work now, but if you want to be something later on, you gotta do this and this,' " said Hofer. "And he would still continue to do a couple of the other things and look amazing."

Hofer was one of the many people in Brooks who made sure Ajou got to where he needed to be, whether that meant picking him up and dropping him off at games or practices, or reaching into their own pockets for things Ajou's family could not afford.

"To say that Ajou was at the same house every night, had breakfast ready for him, a lunch made and supper … No that didn't happen in the way it does for traditional families," Hofer said. "Ajou had to raise himself a lot, and to think that he was going to get a ride to a practice or a tournament, to think that the family is going to be able to afford for him to play a sport … no … and that was true of a lot of our students."

In Africa, villagers help raise children as part of an extended family. Brooks was more than 12,000 kilometres from Sudan, but it's people managed to replicate that dynamic.

"That's where the community came into play," Ajou recalls. "It was really all of Brooks … I don't even know where to start … everyone … it takes a village to raise a child. The coaches would be picking me up, dropping me off, picking me up, dropping me off … all my life … for real.

"I think of them every day … I stay in contact with every single coach. I still call them coach."

From the first time Ajou played football when he was in Grade 3, he'd loved the physicality of the sport. By Grade 6, he'd been invited to join the junior high school football team, comprised mostly of Grade 8 and 9 students. By Grade 7 he was a star on that team at safety.

"He could just come down and lay the boots on people, and when I would tell people he was in Grade 7, they wouldn't believe me," Hofer said. "Most of the kids would have been 14 years old and here is Ajou at 12 playing safety in the provincial final for us."

Ajou's love of physical football meant he could play all over the field. In Grades 8 and 9 he played receiver, safety, quarterback, defensive end and even did some punting. It was the same in basketball, where Ajou excelled, as well as in track and field.

When he wasn't excelling in athletics, he was garnering attention with his ability to dance, a quality he shared with other students of African descent who'd made it a part of the local culture to break into song and movement at various times.

Not surprisingly, the rest of the province was starting to take notice, as invitations from club and high school teams around the province in both basketball and football started to make their way to Ajou.

"For Ajou the athlete it was great, but not for the person," said Hofer. "We were worried, if he goes to Edmonton, are people going to care about Ajou the

person?"

That concern permeated through the athletic community in Brooks, which had fallen in love with the 15-year-old's charismatic personality and took pride in all he was accomplishing.

"It was tough on the athletic community because we had all got him to this point and we were excited to see him continue with us," McColl said.

Ajou, meanwhile, liked that idea of a bigger stage. More competition, more exposure and more people to see what he could do. It all felt like being one step closer to achieving his dreams, even if he quietly worried that the community that had given him so much might feel he was letting them down.

He knew it was time for him to go.

In summer of 2017, Brock Ralph made the 450-kilometre drive from his home in Edmonton to Brooks to meet Ajou and his family.

The head football coach at Edmonton's Harry Ainlay High School, Ralph knew receivers, having played the position at the University of Wyoming and then for eight seasons in the CFL. And what little he'd seen enough of Ajou, and what he'd heard from his assistant Tyler Greenslade, told him the drive would be worth his while.

As Ralph drove the neighbourhood looking for Ajou's home, a young boy approached the car, as if he'd been anticipating his arrival.

"I asked him, 'Do you know Ajou'?" recalls Ralph. "And he said, 'I'm his [younger] brother.'"

Ralph followed the boy into the house and within a few minutes the 15-year-old emerged.

"Out walks this Grade 9 bo-… well, I was expecting a boy," said Ralph. "I kind of looked at his shoulders and his wingspan. When I shook his hand, I noticed it was bigger than mine. My first impression of seeing him off the field was a physical specimen and a smile you remember and a look in his eye you take notice of."

Ralph had seen Ajou months earlier, playing for Team Alberta in the Canada Cup championship in Lethbridge, where he'd been wowed by his size and physicality.

He didn't need to be sold on him as a football player. He needed to know that Dut was on board with him leaving home to attend one of the biggest high schools in Alberta.

"I wanted to ensure to her we would be there as more than just a football coach and sports mentor," said Ralph. "We would help him achieve some things and make sure academics were taken care of… and wanted to let her know we would be there for him."

The uniqueness of Ajou's situation was not lost on the coach.

Here was a boy from a single-parent immigrant family whose mother still struggled with English, with a path all laid out in his mind for where stardom was going to take him.

"He knew what he wanted and figured out the plan to achieve the goals he wanted," said Ralph. "He wanted to play high school at the highest level, and he had goals at all levels – university and pro … The dream was there early."

Ajou and his mother both sat quietly that day, doing more listening than talking. When it was over, Dut told Ralph that she would support her son's wish to move north. He would live with his aunt and take public transit to school.

Despite the prevailing local sentiment that Ajou should stay in Brooks, he was going to go his own way. It was a decision Ajou kept secret from McColl, fearing she would simply tell him "no" as she so often did.

"I didn't know he was going until he was gone," McColl said. "I called him and said, 'So…' And he said, 'I'm sorry. I didn't think you'd let me go.' "

Ajou's impact in Edmonton was immediate. In his first season as a Grade 10 student, he played receiver and helped Harry Ainlay win a provincial football title. The next year they won another city championship, a season in which he played both receiver and safety as Ralph and his coaches couldn't resist playing him both ways.

"He's got an unnatural physicality to him, in terms of exploding into contact," said Greenslade, Ralph's assistant at the time. "He was doing stuff [at safety] up here that was pretty amazing … I'm getting chills just thinking about some of the stuff he did.

"I remember one time he talked to our DB coach the week before a game and said, 'They are running a skinny post … Do you want me to lay him out or pick it off?" Our coach said to get a pick and score. He called his shot, he waited for it, picked it off and he scored. You look back and you say yeah, he had some stuff going on that not everybody does."

In track and field Ajou set a provincial high jump record at Harry Ainlay in the spring of his grade 10 year. In basketball he walked onto a varsity team stacked with Grade 11 and 12 students, many of whom would go on to player university ball in the U.S. and Canada, and was part of a provincial championship in that sport as well.

Head basketball coach George Hoyt had heard the school's new football recruit could "hoop it up pretty good." So he invited him to a gym session with some varsity players to see how he measured up.

"What I was really impressed with was about half-way through he knew he was over his head a little bit and he said, 'I want more of this,'" said Hoyt. "That's when I knew he had the desire to do it … He just loved it, loved it."

Ajou was getting exactly what he hoped for in his move to Edmonton.

"We're considered to be one of the best basketball and football combination programs in Western Canada," said Hoyt. "And Ajou knew that and wanted that."

Even in a much larger environment, Ajou continued to attract attention the same way he had in Brooks – through his personality, athletic exploits and love of dancing.

He loved to entertain, dunking a basketball while soaring above fellow students who stood below the hoop. And he danced everywhere he went, as if it were automatic.

"He in some ways is a kid who seemed more comfortable and more of his personality [burst out] on the stage," said Ralph. "Here's this young guy, a new student in Grade 10, and he didn't let him hold him back at all … I think he felt comfortable right away and had a certain personality and was looking to have fun, laugh and put on a show. Whether it was a school assembly, a dunk contest or a track meet … he just had a way of luring people to see what he was going to do next.

"He just brought a certain energy out in school and people just took a liking to him and knew he was … He got popular in a hurry."

But for all the athletic success, there were challenges off the field without McColl there to reinforce expectations. It became Ralph's job to maintain the standard he had laid out for Ajou's mother.

"Ajou took a bit of time to figure out the expectations of our football program," said Ralph. "There were some rocky weeks and we have specific rules where if you have unexcused absences or a series of lates you miss a half of playing time. And nobody missed more time than Ajou that year, not even close … we had to several times ask ourselves what was best for him, his development and long term … missing a half a game sucked for him and us, but we were hoping it would teach him lessons for down the road. We hoped he trusted us. He never argued or showed attitude."

By the end of his Grade 11 football season, a question Ajou had never had to answer in his life was becoming overwhelming: focus on football or basketball? From an early age he'd loved and excelled at both sports.

While he loved basketball, he understood that players with his size, speed and physicality in football were rare. The conversations were agonizing at times as he struggled to choose between the two games.

"They were endless, "said Hoyt. "There were times when there were tears and there were times when there was laughter and times when people were trying to guide him down a route that was beneficial to them, not Ajou.

"He struggled with it for 10-to-12 months … I think he made the right choice. Physically, he's in a different category in football than in basketball … and football is his first passion, 100 per cent."

Since he'd arrived in Edmonton, Ajou had entertained the idea of trying to get himself to a U.S. prep school for more exposure to big-time football programs in the NCAA. By the end of his Grade 11 season at Harry Ainlay, he was ready to pursue that path.

If the big boys of college football weren't going to come to him, he would go to them. Plus, he was weary of the tension that existed between him and Ralph over discipline.

"Not crazy or anything … he was just trying to teach me the values of life," said Ajou. "I was getting really fed up with it, so I was, I was like, 'You know what? I might just go and play football down south and do what I wanted to do.' I was getting [college] letters, but no one really offered me. So I was like … I've got to get where I can be seen by people.'"

Ralph didn't disagree. He recognized how hard it is for players at skill positions to land big-time college offers out of Canadian high schools. The trend across the country is for those players to finish high school in the U.S. Ajou had taken notice and was determined to do the same.

He decided to transfer midway through his Grade 11 year to a Clearwater Academy International in Florida, a prep school that was being attended by a number of young Canadian football hopefuls.

If he went in January, he would be known by the spring when colleges host camps for high school prospects. And that's where he wanted to be.

His calculations also included not telling McColl about his decision, knowing she would not support him moving to Florida barely past his 17th birthday. While she ultimately supported his move to Edmonton, this was different. Florida was far away and she didn't know anything about the school he was going to attend or the people who would be taking care of him there.

But like his Edmonton move, the decision was made. And soon enough offers from some of the biggest college football programs in America came flooding his way.

"Once you see this guy with your own eyes you don't have to be the smartest guy to notice him," said Ralph. "I knew it wouldn't take long."

By the time his plane had touched down in Florida in January of 2019, Ajou already had two offers coming his way from Division I NCAA football programs, Florida Atlantic University and Indiana, based solely on a video of him dunking a basketball.

"They didn't even see me," Ajou said. "My coach sent them my basketball dunk and they were like, 'Yeah, we want him.' I was like, 'Oh wow, from a

basketball video.' "

Over the months that followed, other offers flowed in from more than two dozen schools, including the University of Alabama in the late spring, a perennial national power that has had multiple receivers taken in the first round of the NFL draft.

So too has Clemson, which at that time was the reigning national champion, having destroyed Alabama 44-16 in the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship game.

Clemson's assistant coaches got an up-close look at Ajou when they visited Clearwater twice during the spring, and an invitation was extended to Clemson's camp in June, where head coach Dabo Swinney, a former receivers coach himself, would get an up-close look at him.

At that time, Ajou had 29 offers – from schools such as Florida State, Texas A&M, Nebraska, Penn State, Washington State and West Virginia.

"We had a small window and we learned so much in a small amount of time," said McColl of the whirlwind of attention Ajou was receiving during the winter and spring of 2019. "It was an eye-opener to what official visits are like. Everything he wanted they did for him. We just talked about how crazy it was."

At the Clemson camp, Swinney saw that his assistants had not misled him. He'd never had a receiver quite like Ajou – so big and agile all at once. He revelled at the thought of coaching up Ajou's potential for his team.

"[After the camp] Dabo comes up to me and says 'I really like you, you could be a special player.' He said we're offering you a full scholarship to Clemson university. I said Oh my goodness …," said Ajou. "It was all a dream. Everything seemed so fake. I was pinching myself saying, 'Yo, wake up, wake up.'"

Clemson allowed Ajou to take his time before accepting their offer. They'd invited him to attend a barbecue for recruits in July. McColl was flying down from Brooks to attend with him, at which time the pair would get a tour of everything the South Carolina school had to offer.

"(Ajou) told me, 'I'm going to commit when we're down there,'" McColl said. "I said, 'Okay, but I get to call 'no' if there's something I don't like about it.' "

McColl was not shy about fulfilling the parental role in the recruitment process, which was impossible for Dut. As always, she tried to protect Ajou from those she worried wanted his athletics gifts without understanding his story.

"I ask questions that embarrass him because I want to make sure he will be in a situation where people will care about him, not just as an athlete," she said. "I would ask, 'What happens to the kid who screws up? Is he still here?' "

"Clemson had the best answers for how they deal with atypical athletes. It just felt like they understood our situation. They took the time to know us and talked to me. Everyone else was talking [only] to Ajou, but you have to care about him and the people he cares about."

At the end of the campus tour, Ajou went upstairs and told the coaches he had made his decision. McColl broke into tears.

The "official" visit at Clemson is reserved for players who have already to committed to the school. So in January of 2020, McColl and Dut flew to South Carolina to be there with Ajou.

Clemson sent a car to pick up the pair at the airport, and they were taken directly to Swinney's home, where the woman who'd grown up in refugee camps to escape the horrors of war in her homeland stood in the living room of one of the most iconic coaches in all of college football. This was where her son's dream, and the support of a small city in Alberta, had led her.

Dut was overwhelmed by the experience and struggled to put it into any sort of context, the culture and importance of college football in the south being far beyond her understanding. This was her son's journey, but it had been driven by his appreciation of all she'd gone through in her life, all she'd done and continued to do for him and his four siblings.

"Ajou tells me, 'Mom, pray for me so I can succeed in what I am doing so I can help you and relieve you from all the misery you've gone through,' " said Dut.

The biggest decision of Ajou's life had been made. But signing his letter of intent to Clemson wouldn't happen in South Carolina or Florida.

It would take place back in Brooks in January, before all the people who'd had a part in making his dream come true, in the community that had raised him, among those who love him, including Dut, his four siblings, McColl, Hofer and others.

"He was happy sharing his excitement with people who were excited for him," said McColl. "Excited not because he's an amazing athlete, but because of everything else. It was a very proud moment for me and there's nothing better than seeing your kids happy."

Clemson football players have a unique tradition of taking to the field before a game, emerging from a doorway partway up the interior of Clemson Memorial Stadium, touching Howard's Rock, a piece of flint donated by a former coach from the 1960s, then running downhill on a long orange cloth that extends to the grass.

Ajou has made it an art form.

He emerges at the top not in step, but in dance, keeping his own rhythm, then bouncing his knees apart while putting his hands together and then slamming them down on the rock.

He then skips down the top part of what's known as "the hill," his arms swinging like those of a gleeful child. When he gets to a rise in the slope, he effortlessly thrusts himself high into the air, kicking his feet apart and then landing as if weightless and entering the field in a gentle jog that is every bit as fluid as his dancing, arms stretched at his side as if tense from adrenaline.

If you wanted to see what joy looks like in a football uniform, this is it.

That boy back in Brooks, the one in the documentary eating ice cream, he was born for this.

And just like when he moved to Edmonton, the folks in South Carolina have a taken a shine to the freshman wide receiver's presence, illustrated by his starring role this fall in a Clemson-produced takeoff of Michael Jackson's Thriller video.

There are moments where he wonders if it's all really happening, when it feels like only yesterday he was kid in middle school, getting picked-up and driven everywhere by everyone.

Swinney, who has coached nine receivers who are currently in the NFL, says Ajou is going to be an "unbelievable player."

He is far from Brooks, further from Africa but he can see the road ahead.

Just as clearly as he could see his path to the goal line on that sunny day in October, when he took a screen pass at the 37-yard line against Georgia Tech and zigzagged his way to the end zone, eluding and evading tackles, before falling across the goal line for a score under brilliant sunshine.

It was one of those dreams-do-come-true moments that most never get to experience. And for once, the kid who grew up thriving in the spotlight, was overwhelmed by it, simply clutching to the hope that this was all really happening.

"I wanted to do like a little dance but I couldn't move," he recalls. "I just looked up and everything was blurry …. Then I hear everybody screaming and I'm like … what in the world?"

At the end of the game, Ajou came to the stands where McColl leaned over the wall.

"I said, 'Holy f---, you just did that!"

The world can't wait for what Ajou Ajou will do next.

-- NO. 16 QB TREVOR LAWRENCE --

Golden Voice

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CLEMSON | A full -- and fully necessary -- disclosure:

When Trevor Lawrence arrived at Clemson, and through his first utterly brilliant season at Clemson, this observer was skeptical that we'd ever really get to know the kid.

The "we" means not just the media but all the people who consume the media. As in, all y'all.

Controlling the message is a major initiative these days within college football programs that generate the money they do (or at least did before the pandemic).

Many of the best players now arrive at college having spent their lives groomed to be supreme not just at football, but at not saying anything of substance.

That was our hunch about Lawrence after his first year in the program.

And not that there's anything wrong with a player being guarded and never saying much when the cameras are on. It's just that as chroniclers of an elite football program, there's a natural desire to go beyond the surface with the elite players in that program.

Lawrence was quiet and shy initially, hard to read. He looked as if he couldn't wait to get the press conferences over with.

But as it turned out, this was more just the typical freshman soft-spokenness than the typical megastar construction of a wall between himself and the outside world.

As it turned out, he was much more reflective and comfortable and human during his second season. A gentle spirit who showed grace, patience and humor while going through the weekly crush of media functions that the highest-profile players have to deal with.

One of the great joys of being around college football players is seeing them grow and evolve as men. To do what many of us did in college, but what took a lot longer for others of us to do.

To get along with people, even those with whom we have differences. To be self aware. To not be too impressed with yourself. To show up and speak even when you don't feel like it. To step up and speak up when you feel led to.

In late May, amidst racial unrest after the George Floyd killing, Lawrence offered this:

"There has to be a shift in the way of thinking. Rational must outweigh irrational. Justice must outweigh injustice. Love must outweigh hate. If you put yourself in someone else's shoes and you don't like how it feels -- that's when you know things need to change. I'm siding with my brothers that deal, and continuously deal, with things I will never experience. The injustice is clear.. and so is the hate. It can no longer be explained away. if you're still 'explaining' it -- check your heart and ask why."

And now, with the scheduled 2020 football season seemingly hanging by a thread, Lawrence is at the forefront of the movement to save it.

But it's not just #WeWantToPlay and damn anyone who has concerns about the risks and unknowns. It's also a sharing of some of the concerns and requests that had already been voiced by the #WeAreUnited movement.

Just when those two hashtags were being pitted against each other in the media and general social-media public -- because, well, just about everything is pitted against each other these days -- Lawrence and Darien Rencher led the way in bringing the two causes together.

These guys want to play.

They also want issues addressed to ensure a safe and fair environment moving forward.

So to the masses out there who were previously co-opting one hashtag over the other in this endless game of adults ripping each other apart, put that in your agenda pipe and smoke it.

Pretty wild that, in the galling absence of leadership or unity among the power conferences in recent months, it takes a group of college kids to set the example for how to act and get things done.

It's not yet known whether this virtual last-minute push will bring action in the form of a fall season. Our feeling as of this Monday morning is that it's still a longshot, that momentum is already too far down the tracks for cancelling the season or at least postponing it to the spring.

But regardless of what unfolds, the spirit of Lawrence's words and actions will endure.

When the superstar arrived at Clemson, the program and the university were viewed as a mere pit stop on the way to NFL fame and fortune.

But in 30 games -- and Lord, please let his college career encompass more than 30 freaking games -- he has given us and himself so much more than brilliance on a football field.

As it turns out the golden boy with the golden locks has a golden voice.

We stand corrected.

And we stand in awe.

'I wasn't ready to give that up': Why Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence opted in

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CLEMSON, S.C. — When Trevor Lawrence started seeing college football players opt out of the 2020 season amid COVID-19 concerns, Clemson's star quarterback got it.

After all, no one has more on the line ahead of the 2021 NFL Draft than Lawrence, the projected top pick. He, too, spent part of his offseason in discussions with his innermost circle about the risks of playing football in a pandemic and what that might mean for his future.

But the more time Clemson's 20-year-old Heisman Trophy candidate has been one of the prominent faces of college football, the more power he has discovered in making his own decisions. That's never been more evident than in the last few months.

So, he listened to the feeling that he wanted to return and essentially made up his mind. All he needed was the green light from his closest family members and friends, safety protocols he deemed acceptable and at least a possibility that he could play a mostly normal fall schedule with a shot at winning his second national championship.

If the season is canceled or moved to the spring, Lawrence said he will reevaluate. But he's here, fully taking part in the Tigers' preseason camp. He's in.

"It was always, 'I'm going to play until something happens to the point where I don't feel like it's safe or I really feel like I need to just go on,'" Lawrence said Friday evening. "And that never happened. …

"I'm really excited to have least have one more year here. And I wasn't ready to give that up."

Lawrence realizes there will be outside chatter about his choice. When he led Clemson to a dominant national championship win against Alabama at the end of his true freshman season in 2018, talk of him becoming the eventual No. 1 pick had already started. He is 29-1 at Clemson and 25-1 as the starting quarterback. Nine months from now, he is in line to make life-changing money. Why risk it?

"People say I should sit out, and then after this past year, everyone saying all this stuff I got to work on," he said. "At some point, you got to make decisions for yourself. I'm just excited to play football. That's what I do, and that's what I love to do."

Consider it part of Lawrence coming into his own, which has extended beyond football. Two years ago, he likely would have shied from participating in a peaceful demonstration to protest racial injustice, he said, instead of helping lead one as he did two months ago. In March, he co-started a fund to raise money for people impacted by COVID-19. And last month, he proposed to his high school sweetheart.

This decision is no exception. So camp it is.

"Yes, it is important keeping my family safe and everyone around me," Lawrence said. "But besides that, this is my decision. Everyone supports me who is close to me, who is important to me."

After George Floyd's killing in May, Lawrence felt moved to speak up about social justice for the first time in his career. He sent out a series of tweets.

Then he joined redshirt sophomore linebacker Mike Jones Jr., redshirt senior wide receiver Cornell Powell and redshirt senior running back Darien Rencher in planning an event that drew thousands to Clemson's campus in mid-June.

"I think things change," Lawrence said of his new, bolder approach. "As you get older and you learn more and you get new friends, you just kind of change a little bit as far as how you see things.

"Seeing things that affect some of my friends, (I want to) support any way I can. I wouldn't be a friend if I didn't."

Said Powell in June of that support: "It's more than football. It really means a lot to me."

In the months since, Lawrence has also weighed in on a movement from members of the Pac-12, who are threatening to boycott their football season if the conference does not meet their demands. Lawrence said Friday he agreed with speaking out about issues and some of the points made, specifically those pertaining to health concerns. That's something he and his own teammates have made sure to speak with Clemson coaches about regularly. But there were other stipulations he disagreed with.

Every day is a new opportunity to form his opinions. The more he enters this territory, though, the higher in demand he becomes when causes ask for his support.

"I just kind of ask myself, 'Is it important to me?' and if it is, 'How can I help?'" he said. "If it's not something I really believe and I'm passionate about, I usually don't get too involved in it. I've got a lot on my plate, so I try to keep it to a minimum.

"Even the things that I do care about, sometimes you've got to know what's too much. You can't be the face of everything."

That type of self-awareness has trickled into the way he leads his Clemson teammates, too.

Around April, Lawrence returned to Clemson and started working out independently, even though facilities were shut down. That meant running and throwing on his own before he returned to Cartersville, Ga., to get some work in at his high school in May.

In June, he carved out time to throw with projected starting wide receivers Frank Ladson Jr. and Joseph Ngata. Both sophomores will need to step up to replace Justyn Ross, who has been diagnosed with a congenital fusion in his spine and will not play this season.

Lawrence has also spent time mentoring true freshman quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei and working out with senior slot receiver Amari Rodgers.

"He doesn't ask anything of anyone that he's not willing to give," coach Dabo Swinney said.

"Trevor's one of those guys that you say, 'OK, here's what's expected.' And then he'll look at it and say, 'Well, that's a nice suggestion.' You know he's going above and beyond, and that's what makes him special."

Lawrence's top priority on the field is to improve his accuracy.

It might sound like a strange initiative for someone who completed 65.8 percent of his passes in 2019, which tied for the No. 16 mark in the nation. And it's a difficult area of his game to focus on until he can again get live looks.

But as a sophomore, Lawrence threw eight interceptions after throwing just four as a freshman. And two of his three first-string receivers are guaranteed to be new starters, considering Ross is out and 2019 leading receiver Tee Higgins is now in the NFL.

"The good thing was we were lucky we got nine practices in spring," Lawrence said. "Really, I got to work on a lot of things I wanted to work on."

Lawrence completed 268 of his 407 pass attempts in 2019 for 3,665 yards and 36 touchdowns. He also showed more willingness to pull the ball down and run in the right situations, not to mention a toughness and the ability to lead the team from behind in the national semifinal win against Ohio State. But he also wants to work on his mechanics and presence in the pocket. And there was the rare off-performance in the national championship loss to LSU.

If the season is not shut down, he will again be part of an offense that also features star senior running back Travis Etienne, who surprised many by not leaving for the NFL after the season.

"We're here practicing, so I assume we're both committed," said Lawrence, who will look into taking online classes this fall.

At best, Lawrence wraps up this season, and likely his college career, with another national title and a Heisman Trophy en route to staying healthy for April's NFL Draft.

But there is a lot of room in 2020 for things to play out in many different ways.

Whatever happens, this offseason will ultimately become one of the defining stretches of his career. It's the period when his inner voice came to the forefront.

"Yes, he's very talented. But he's got the character, the integrity, the drive, the will, the love of preparation that makes all the great ones great," Swinney said.

"He's been a tremendous leader since he got here. But as he has gone through his journey and his career, he's just more and more confident."

Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence on BLM, listening and learning: 'I'm on the journey of discovering'

BY HALLIE GROSSMAN, ESPN.com
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"WHAT DO YOU make of this?" Trevor Lawrence asked.

Darien Rencher sat with Lawrence on a kitchen counter in an apartment just north of downtown Atlanta, the sweep of Piedmont Park in the distance, the city roiling below. The two -- one white, one Black, teammates at Clemson, friends -- heard the whip of helicopter blades overhead. They saw the fug of smoke cloaking the streets. They watched as police and protesters shut down the highways, the arteries to the city lacerated.

George Floyd had been killed four days earlier.

Lawrence and Rencher had come to Atlanta to visit friends; they arrived to a city on fire, and Lawrence wanted to know what Rencher thought of that fire, of those helicopters and that smoke, of the unrest boiling up all around them. Rencher sat across from Lawrence, one of his best friends these past two years, and considered the question. Had Lawrence ever been pulled over by the police, then felt the hot lava rush of a lifetime's worth of admonitions? Take caution, tread lightly, try to survive.

Let me put my hands here.

Let me be slow to speak.

Am I putting my hands in a spot that will save my life?

Am I speaking slow enough to live?

"He's a young white man," Rencher says. "He never had to navigate through some things I've had to navigate through. Or even be aware of things I have to be aware of."

Rencher knew George Floyd's death had knocked him sideways in a way it hadn't Lawrence. When he steeled himself to watch the video of Floyd splayed on the pavement in Minneapolis, Rencher saw himself splayed on that pavement. When he saw Floyd coughing out his last despairing pleas -- Mama ... I can't breathe -- he saw people he knew coughing out despairing pleas. When he saw Floyd killed, with that knee to his neck, he saw himself and people he knew succumbing to that same cruel fate, an inhuman one. Knee to their necks; death penalty on the side of the street.

"What do you make of this?" Lawrence had asked.

Ta-Nehisi Coates, one of the country's preeminent voices on race, wrote recently that though he had not yet watched in full the video chronicling Floyd's death, he had "seen enough of the genre to know the belief in black people as disaster, as calamity, as a Great Fire upon the city, has not yet waned."

Rencher knew this tortured dance. People who looked like him would speak up, and a lot of people who looked like Lawrence wouldn't listen. Then people who looked like him would speak more, and some people who looked like Lawrence would listen but not care. Then people who looked like him would speak louder, but too many people who looked like Lawrence would care but not always believe. The belief has not yet waned.

"What do you make of this?" Lawrence had asked.

"I understand it," Rencher told Lawrence. "I'm not saying I agree with it, but I understand why they feel this way and why they're acting like this. Why they feel like they haven't been heard before."

On a night in late May, Rencher and Lawrence watched as smoke from great fires billowed skyward. One explained why; one listened.

WE WANT TO hear what Trevor Lawrence has to say.

His teammates at Clemson; his coaches at Clemson; the opponents he's rolled through in two seasons at Clemson; the mayor of Cartersville, the little suburb in the hills of northwest Georgia where he grew up; the president of the United States. He owns our collective attention.

Star athletes -- star quarterbacks especially, and charismatic star quarterbacks most of all -- dazzle us. Baker Mayfield planted a flag and we loved to hate him. Johnny Manziel barnstormed Tuscaloosa and we hated to love him. Deshaun Watson vanquished the evil empire with a smile on his face and we couldn't help but smile too.

But Lawrence has captured us in a way that feels new and a little radical and more than a little paradigm-changing. He is the face of college football in this turbulent 2020 season; he is the face of all that is tectonically shifting in the sport this fall.

We first met Lawrence two seasons ago, when he carved up Nick Saban's defense as a true freshman in the national championship game. He was a surgeon -- 97.8 QBR in a 44-16 romp -- and the ease with which he dissected Alabama was shocking, unnerving even, like when you learn that actual surgeons sing and chitchat while conducting real dissections. He's been the anointed top pick in the 2021 NFL draft ever since. He trends on Twitter when tanking truthers suspect Bill Belichick is plotting for next year's No. 1 pick after a slew of Patriots opt out of the 2020 season; he trends on Twitter when tanking realists mourn Jacksonville waiving Leonard Fournette as the latest casualty in the Jaguars' slow death march to 2021's top draft spot. Now we know him simply as the best player on the best team in the country -- and that throne has bestowed to him a bullhorn.

"Trevor Lawrence basically has the ear of the president of the United States, for god's sake," says Lane Demas, a professor at Central Michigan University who specializes in the history of race and popular culture in America.

Demas is speaking literally, of course, after a White House staffer reached out to Lawrence's mother, Amanda, to facilitate a call between her son and President Donald Trump. ("It was definitely exciting and surreal," Lawrence said of his phone conversation with the president in August, when they expressed their shared desire for college football to return.) That, in turn, was after the president quote-tweeted Lawrence. "Sometimes when you think about it, it's crazy," Amanda says of the sheer outlandishness of Lawrence's reach. "Almost everyone in the United States knows who Trevor is. That's so weird." The height (6-foot-6; "hella tall," says Rencher) and the hair (cascading; sun-kissed blond) serve only to exacerbate Lawrence's life in a fishbowl.

It's impossible, certainly, to separate the sheer outlandishness of Trevor's reach from the basic fact of what affords him that reach in the first place. To use Rencher's words: Lawrence is a young white man. And a white quarterback. On the No. 1 team in the country. That does more than amplify his platform.

"It is the platform," says psychologist Reuben Faloughi, a former football player at Georgia and current clinician for the University of South Florida. "He's a white male in society. If you have enough privileged identities, you're treated like it. If you have enough marginalized identities -- or you're just Black, in many instances -- you suffer."

The sum of those parts means Lawrence never quite recedes into the shadows, even if he wants to, even when he wants to, which by all accounts he does now. Lawrence, who declined to be interviewed for this story, seems hyperaware that if he shows up, or speaks, or really so much as breathes around the issues bubbling up in college football these days, he doesn't just create headlines. He becomes the headline.

In the past six months, he has, in short order: bent the NCAA's antediluvian rules to his will, ushering through a GoFundMe campaign that was shuttered at the Clemson compliance office's request, then un-shuttered after the NCAA greenlighted an exception for the act of goodwill (and similar acts by all student-athletes), providing financial relief for victims of the coronavirus pandemic; co-led a march for social justice on Clemson's campus, then united with players nationwide on a five-point plan to dismantle the country's systemic racism pandemic; joined a parade of Power 5 power players to enumerate a list of athlete demands, among them calling for a players' association to tackle college football's exploitation pandemic.

"I've learned that every truly good thing in life comes from being brave and stepping into the uncomfortable," Lawrence told the crowd of thousands who came to rally for Black Lives Matter on Clemson's campus in the middle of June. Thousands whom he may have forced into discomfort too, or at the very least, forced their neighbors into; Pickens and Anderson counties, where Clemson resides, are home to a fire-engine-red political base, the demographic group for which the Black Lives Matter movement remains controversial -- at best.

"It's uncomfortable to set aside everything I know about America and listen to someone else's perspective," he went on. "However, it's necessary. Recently I've realized that the America I experience is different from the America that my brothers and sisters experience."

He stood beneath a black banner that avowed "Black Lives Matter," wearing a black polo shirt with the Clemson paw stamped on his chest. We wanted to hear what Trevor Lawrence had to say; he wanted to tell us what he was hearing.

A FEW NIGHTS after Lawrence and Rencher returned to Clemson's campus from Atlanta, just over a week before they'd lead the march on campus, the two went to Dabo Swinney's house. Clemson's $93 million head coach considers himself a man of the people, a man of the players, and because his two oldest sons are on the team, Clemson players will oftentimes congregate at his home. But Swinney, with Rencher's help, had called only the seniors over that night. (Lawrence is on track to graduate in December and is considered an honorary senior.) Swinney grilled hamburgers and hot dogs; his wife, "Ms. Kathleen," added her own specialty dish, a doughnut concoction the players love. They played basketball and reveled in one another's company, a small luxury in 2020. The coronavirus had scattered them back to their hometowns, and this was their reunion. It was also their reckoning.

After an hour, they gathered in the Swinneys' living room, more than a dozen Clemson football players taking up residence on the sofas. The coach joined them, but he handed stewardship of the night over to his players. Swinney is not especially reticent, but where that has served him handsomely as a coach, it has earned him reproach in off-the-field matters. Four years ago, in the swirl of Colin Kaepernick's protest, Swinney offered that "some of these people need to move to another country," and though he'd later deem those words harsh, he'd draw ire again this June for both his handling of an assistant coach's use of a racial epithet and for wearing a "Football Matters" shirt just as Black Lives Matter protests were cresting across the

country. His players -- Lawrence and Rencher among them -- are lightning quick to defend him, and they explain it's for reasons like this night.

"Rench, you take the lead," Swinney told Rencher, and so he did.

"You can bring up whatever you want to bring up," the running back told his teammates. "You can address whatever you want to address."

Cornell Powell, Clemson's fifth-year senior at wide receiver, told his teammates that not long after George Floyd was killed, an officer pulled him over back home in Greenville, North Carolina. The tint on his windows was too dark, the cop said. By the time Powell looked up, two more police officers had joined the first.

All this? You need three cops for this? Powell thought to himself.

Another senior said he too had been pulled over at home, and he felt sure the police officer had been prodding him, urging him to reach for something, make a move. If he did reach, if he moved, if he breathed the wrong way, then ...

He began to cry. Rencher cried. Rencher looked up to find Ms. Kathleen crying too.

They shared and shared and shared, things they had been too nervous to say out loud before, things they found out for the first time they had in common, each story a confirmation, an affirmation of this lived experience. A diminishment too. There is community when you recognize your hardship in others' hardships; there is trauma in that collective dawning too.

Eventually, Lawrence spoke.

He would never know what his Black teammates go through, he told them. He could never truly understand what it means to be them. But he wanted everyone to know this:

"If there's anything I can do to help, or to bring light to the situation," he said, "then I will."

ON A SUNDAY night in August, two months after Rencher and Lawrence took to a protest stage on campus, they sat in the apartment of Lawrence's fiancée, Marissa Mowry, waiting to hear if college football's leading conferences would do the previously unthinkable and call off their fall seasons.

There were whispers the Big Ten was set to postpone its fall play. The Pac-12 too. And once one domino fell, couldn't they all, wouldn't they all? Which was why Rencher reached out on GroupMe to Stanford defensive end Dylan Boles at 8:30 that night. The two had never met, but Rencher knew Boles had helped spearhead the Pac-12's #WeAreUnited charge the week before, and Rencher had an idea percolating. Wouldn't it be powerful, he thought, wouldn't it be undeniable, if Boles' #WeAreUnited movement fused with the rash of players putting out their own #WeWantToPlay dispatches? They shared the same goals, after all, if not the same language. They wanted to play; they wanted to play safely.

Rencher and Boles swapped messages ("Cooking up some things on our end," Rencher wrote), then escalated their communication to FaceTime. A few minutes into the call, Rencher flipped the camera to point outward. Trevor Lawrence was looking back at Boles.

Their three-way 20-minute FaceTime call gave way to a larger 30-minute Zoom call -- Lawrence knew Justin Fields at Ohio State and looped him in; Boles knew Hunter Reynolds at Michigan; they had lines in to Chuba Hubbard at Oklahoma State and Najee Harris at Alabama to boot. On Zoom, Boles opened up the conversation; Reynolds suggested everyone introduce themselves, then read a prepared statement he was working on. Lawrence, once again, listened.

"We had a lot of weight with just the players that we had," Boles says. "But to essentially get the guy in college football to step forward is astounding."

As Sunday night turned to Monday morning, Lawrence tweeted out the missive: He was linking virtual arms with a who's who from the Power 5. They wanted to play football this fall; they wanted to do so responsibly, with universal and mandated COVID-19 safety protocols; they wanted, critically, a players' association.

A batch of identical communiqués from Rencher and Boles and Fields and Hubbard and Harris accompanied Lawrence's, the tweet that launched 15,000 retweets -- plus one from the White House. He owns our collective attention.

Their entreaties were met with mixed success -- the Big Ten and Pac-12 would go on to cancel fall games, while the ACC, Big 12 and SEC opted to forge ahead -- but the show of unity and force of their joined voices felt intoxicating. The unification effort wasn't Lawrence's brainchild alone, nor even his brainchild to start. But in retrospect, the moment that unification effort was destined to go global was the moment Boles turned around to find Trevor Lawrence adding his face to the fight.

"He is aware of the influence he holds," Rencher says. "He knows the responsibility that comes with the territory."

TREVOR LAWRENCE HAS leapt into the sport's thorniest issues -- amateurism or lack thereof; racial justice or lack thereof -- but has managed, in the weeks and months since he first jumped in headfirst, to push while being palatable. To cause discomfort, to use his words, but not disgust. To offer scathing critiques while emerging unscathed himself.

He heard the concern at the outset, the well-meaning calls for restraint, for taking the safer, quieter road. Those calls at times came from his own mother and father. How could he speak up? Even if the reward was noble and good and just, what of the risk?

"I'm a lot more nervous for him than he is for himself," Amanda says. "But Trevor's his own person. If he's really compelled to do something, he's going to do it."

Some of that compulsion Amanda attributes to Lawrence's faith, his devotion to which is both public ("Pursuing Him at all costs," he broadcasts on his Twitter bio) and fiercely private. Many of his closest friends on the team join him for weekly Bible study, including Rencher and Powell, or attend services at NewSpring Church in nearby Anderson.

Some of that compulsion is driven by the drip-drip-drip of the individual hardships and the deluge of shared trauma his Black teammates chose to confide to him, and he chose to believe.

No person in college football has less to lose by not playing the 2020 season than Lawrence. No person in college football has less to gain by rattling the status quo either. But Scripture says "To whom much is given, much will be required," Amanda points out. Lawrence might not need to play, but his teammates do, and he can help. The current system might work just fine for him, but it doesn't for everyone, and he can help there too.

So he has walked a tightrope for months without stumbling, and he has done it publicly, unflinchingly, his sure footing born of the fact that he is not so much speaking out as giving voice to amplify what others, especially his Black teammates, have long been shouting.

"People make me the face of everything," he told a group of reporters this week. "But honestly, I'm not doing as much work as [others] are."

To belabor the self-evident, Lawrence's perceived sure-footedness, and the open reception he has received while tiptoeing along that tightrope, are made possible just by virtue of his being a white man delivering the message. Would his Black teammates, speaking and acting alone, be granted such space for steadiness, such reception?

Faloughi practically scoffs at the notion. "Did you see how they treated Colin Kaepernick?"

He adds, "For an athletic department to make a Black quarterback who is speaking out about social issues the front of their program, that would be radical. Ra-di-cal."

It's not a coincidence as much as a design of the system, then, that white allies are key, as Demas explains. Tipping points, even. "We see throughout history when Black athletes have a movement, often very key to that movement is getting white teammates to support them."

So how could he speak up? To Lawrence, that wasn't the right question.

How could he not?

HOW COULD THEY NOT?

Six years ago, Maryland football players asked themselves the question too. They decided they wanted to wear shirts that proclaimed "I can't breathe" to spotlight the killing of Eric Garner, another unarmed Black man, and the last words he spoke. And presciently, terribly, now George Floyd's last words too. The university's powers that be overruled them.

Compare that to now, today, when a Black high school recruit reports that Swinney himself has sent a video that shows him addressing these very issues. Even if these athletes have only the illusion of power, even if true, tangible, actionable power comes via representation and the kind of sea change the #WeAreUnited and #WeWantToPlay movements are itching for, it is a remarkable exchange of soft power that the best coaches in the land feel obligated to prove their social justice bona fides.

We find ourselves in a perfect storm of upheaval. Black athletes make up the largest demographic bloc in the Division I football workforce. They are screaming out about systems of racial inequality. They have returned to campuses across the country to play a game in the middle of a pandemic that is ravaging this country's Black communities in a unique and insidious way. They are screaming and returning, all without the semblance of someone or a group of someones representing their, or any athletes', interests.

"There's almost no time when it's been clearer that the stakes are so high," says Ellen Staurowsky, a Drexel University professor and expert on social justice issues in sports. "We have a system that is simply not up to protecting athletes. At some subterranean level, people have understood. But they haven't really understood."

That Trevor Lawrence is the right person at the right time in the right place to force that subterranean level of understanding into sunlight is undeniably true. Perhaps the next face of college football won't also opt to become the face of change for college football. Perhaps the next agent for change won't be the sport's paramount star. But for a spell, we have Lawrence, as both, doing both -- unwilling or unable to let this moment pass by.

On a Saturday morning at the end of August, Lawrence and Rencher found themselves back at Mowry's apartment, asking each other -- again -- what they made of the latest turmoil. Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Black man who, in his sister's words, is a father, a cousin, a son, an uncle but above all a human, was shot in the back at point-blank range seven times by a police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Have we helped make any changes? Have we made a difference?

Rencher landed here: "The lie that gets put out there is, what you did didn't matter. But it did, though. And it has. And it will."

So on that Saturday morning at the end of August, they entered another Zoom call. On the other end were familiar faces, many of the same who banded together for #WeAreUnited and #WeWantToPlay, because they have come to realize what has long been true. Economic rights are racial equality rights are human rights. So they reconvened to plot a new course. They had protested; now they were asking themselves what comes after. A week later, what came was this: a point-by-point plan, tweeted in unison (again) by the likes of Lawrence, Rencher, Boles and Reynolds (again), on how they planned to play football this fall while promoting change for social and racial justice. Voter registration. Communication with local police departments and community leaders. Tributes to victims of racial injustice.

The season begins in earnest on Saturday. The microphone will be theirs, if they choose to use it.

"I'm on the journey now of discovering how I can use my voice, platform and influence to lift others up," Lawrence had told a captive Clemson audience back at the rally in June, three months ago, a lifetime ago. "And stand for those who shouldn't have to stand alone."

-- NO. 17 WR CORNELL POWELL --

Cornell Powell on transfer thoughts: "Nothing easy is worth having"

BY DAVID HOOD, TIGERNET
March 11, 2020

CLEMSON – Cornell Powell has more to prove. He has more to accomplish. And he wants to do it in the place he calls home.

The senior wide receiver out of Greenville, North Carolina, enters 2020 with 40 career receptions for 329 yards and three touchdowns over 577 career snaps in 42 games. He has also made a mark on special teams, posting seven kickoff returns for 182 yards prior to the 2020 campaign.

Powell played in 2016 and 2017 and played four games in 2018 before redshirting. Along the way, he's played with and behind some of the best receivers in college football and many wondered if he would take his talents elsewhere for his senior season.

Not a chance.

"Nothing easy is worth having," Powell said after Monday's practice. "I feel like I wanted to earn everything I had. I could have easily gone somewhere else coming out of high school. I just felt like Clemson was the best place for me. It helped me develop on and off the field and being around guys when I came in, Mike (Williams) was here, Artavis Scott and Hunter Renfrow and those guys. I just learned so much.

"I really feel like all four years equaled up to this last year. Everybody has to wait for their turn. Coach Swinney always tells us Drew Brees did not start until the last season of his career, so I just feel like this is my time and I am ready to embrace it."

Powell is a valuable veteran who has played every receiver position during his career and is likely to play each spot again this fall.

"When I first got here my freshman year, I played (field) then I switched to (slot) and then I worked a little bit of (boundary) last season," Powell said. "So, naturally, I just learned all the positions. So, coming in this year, I put it as my No. 1 goal to just be able to run all three positions in case an injury happens or I am starting at a position. I just want to be able to get on the field and contribute to my team.

"Every day, I come in here with the mentality of getting better. This is my last year, so it is either now or never. So, coming in here with that mentality that I have to win today, regardless if I am at 9 (boundary receiver), 5 (slot) or 2 (field), that really helped me out."

Powell was best friends with former Clemson receiver Diondre Overton in high school and the duo roomed together at Clemson. Overton stayed for his senior season and earned five starts, catching 22 passes for 352 yards.

"Just seeing him come in every day and putting everything behind him, and controlling what he could control, that really helped me," Powell said. "He is like my brother. We grew up together. I really leaned on him and he helped me out. Obviously, he is my roommate. We talk every day and he is giving me pointers on how he did last year, and it has really helped me out a lot."

Playing at Clemson has worked out well, and Powell said he figures staying at Clemson will also work out.

"It is going pretty well. I can't complain with two national championships," he said. "But I have a lot of individual goals that I still have that I want to achieve and I feel like this year I can step into another role on this team … being a leader, being a fifth-year guy and just come in and do my job and help the program and help the team in any way that I can."

It's finally Clemson WR Cornell Powell's turn: 'Nothing easy is worth having'

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
November 19, 2020

CLEMSON, S.C. — Like nearly 9 1/2 million people on the night of Nov. 7, David Wojtecki turned on his television and put on NBC. Clemson versus Notre Dame. With the top-five matchup headed for a dramatic conclusion, a familiar sight graced his screen late in the fourth quarter.

Clemson redshirt senior Cornell Powell had a knack for making big plays at J.H. Rose High School in Greenville, N.C., where he played for Wojtecki. He'd been making them all night for the Tigers in South Bend, Ind. And with the score tied at 26 and about four minutes left, the Tigers needed another.

In the red zone, Clemson true freshman quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei threw Powell a screen pass on second-and-11 from the Notre Dame 18. As he worked his way from the outside in, Powell caught the ball and bounced off a block from offensive lineman Mason Trotter. From there, the Tigers' starting field receiver shed a handful of tackles and bulldozed through contact until the sideline finally bailed out Notre Dame's defense. Powell's 15-yard pickup put Clemson on the Notre Dame 3-yard line. The Tigers scored one play later.

"That play he made … I got to watch that every single game," said Wojtecki, now the coach at North Wilkes High in Hays, N.C. "Like, he would do that every single game at least four times a game as he muscled his way through contact and all that."

Clemson eventually lost to Notre Dame in double overtime 47-40, but not before Powell put together the best performance of his career: six catches for 161 yards and a touchdown. He had two receptions for 50-plus yards each. The matchup with the Fighting Irish — whom No. 4 Clemson could see again next month in the ACC Championship Game — brought Powell's total numbers for the season to 31 catches for 418 yards and three touchdowns.

In a season in which Clemson is without star junior receiver Justyn Ross and has watched 6-3 sophomore Joseph Ngata and 6-3 sophomore Frank Ladson Jr. battle injuries, Powell's production continues to be imperative to the flow of Clemson's offense.

It doesn't surprise Clemson coach Dabo Swinney that Powell has joined forces with senior slot receiver Amari Rodgers and senior running back Travis Etienne as leaders in the passing game. But Swinney and Powell can attest that getting to this point didn't come quickly for the 23-year-old.

"He could have easily packed up and left, and so I think the thing that impresses me the most about Cornell is he's taken coaching — and his perseverance," Swinney said. "He's hung in there."

Powell had scholarship offers from Alabama, LSU, Ohio State and a handful of other ACC programs as a four-star prospect ranked No. 159 overall by the 247Sports Composite in the Class of 2016.

He was a North Carolina basketball fan in high school and was a priority for a Tar Heels football team then coached by Larry Fedora. One of Powell's more memorable recruiting trips came when he and Wojtecki, a Duke basketball fan, were able to attend a Blue Devils-Tar Heels game at UNC.

But despite four trips to UNC between events and unofficial visits, and despite a new coach from a different school seemingly making a visit every day, Powell voiced a top criteria to Wojtecki during his recruitment.

"He wanted to go to a program that was going to make him work for being on the field," Wojtecki said. "Obviously, Clemson has done that for him."

Clemson routinely sends multiple players a year to the NFL from several position groups, but the Tigers' national reputation is in the highest caliber of wide receivers. The Cardinals' DeAndre Hopkins, Chargers' Mike Williams, Chiefs' Sammy Watkins and Bengals' Tee Higgins all attended Clemson and played for Swinney, a former wide receivers coach.

Powell committed to Clemson in February of 2015, signed in February of 2016 and enrolled that June.

And, yes, he got pushed.

"I came in and had Mike Williams, Artavis Scott, Hunter Renfrow. We had Deon Cain, then we had Ray-Ray McCloud and then we had Diondre Overton, Tee and J-Ross," he said. "Those guys are no slouches."

Powell played in nine games as a freshman, but had just 12 receptions for 87 yards and did not play in many of the Tigers' bigger matchups. He stayed on the sidelines against No. 17 Auburn, No. 10 Florida State and against No. 1 Alabama in the national title game won by the Tigers.

Swinney said this week that the Tigers originally planned to start or significantly play Powell as a true freshman against Ohio State in the 2016 Fiesta Bowl national semifinal that Clemson won 31-0, but an injury forced the Tigers to change course. In his sophomore year, Powell played in all 14 of Clemson's games, but still had just eight catches on the season for 57 yards and a touchdown.

He had an academic issue in 2018 that eventually got resolved, but coaches decided to hold him and he played in just four games as a redshirt. He bided his time as a backup again in 2019. Clemson targeted Powell just 59 times between 2016-19, according to advanced metrics from Sports Info Solutions. He has been targeted 44 times this season alone.

"To be honest with you, he had to learn how to play fast. He's always been super, super talented but he didn't play fast," Swinney said. "You line him up and you run him, he's going to run as fast as anybody you've got. But he didn't play that way, and as a result, he got

beat out by some guys. But it's not like he got beat out by scrubs."

Powell knew heading into 2020 that with Higgins' departure, there would be room for him to compete at one of Clemson's perimeter spots. Plus, the versatility he offers Clemson at 6-foot and 210 pounds prompted the Tigers' staff to rep him at all three positions during his career.

When Swinney revealed this offseason that Ross had been diagnosed with a congenital fusion of the spine, the natural inclination was to assume the Tigers would start Rodgers inside and four-star prospects Ngata and Ladson on the outside. But long before both strugged with injuries this season, Powell made it clear he was going to do his part to earn more playing time. He looked like a different player when spring practice began, which immediately piqued Swinney's interest.

"He had a desperation to him in camp that I had not seen," Swinney said.

Offensive coordinator Tony Elliott noticed, too.

"For Cornell, there was a process of — just from a mental standpoint — understanding what the expectation is and the commitment that it takes day in and day out," he said. "The challenge has always been, 'Man, just go be the best that you can be every single day and don't take a play off. Don't worry about anybody else's situation."'

Wojtecki said that when conversations about Powell's future would come up, he and Powell talked about how Powell made a commitment to Clemson that he wanted to uphold. He enjoyed the university and learning from players in front of him gave him an opportunity to pick the brains of future NFL talents. Winning two national titles also didn't hurt.

After leading all receivers in catches during the spring, Powell brought the extra oomph with him to preseason camp, as well. By Swinney's assessment, he and Ngata were the best receivers on the field.

"Nothing easy is worth having," Powell said when asked why he didn't transfer. "Everybody has to wait their turn."

The byproduct of Powell's success in 2020 is that it has built a new level of confidence that seems to only grow with each passing week.

After Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence tested positive for COVID-19 last month and missed games against Boston College on Oct. 31 and Notre Dame the following week, Swinney challenged Powell, Rodgers and Etienne to be there for Uiagalelei. He coached Powell particularly hard on the Tuesday practice before the matchup with the Eagles, knowing that Powell would need to deliver.

Powell responded with a career-high 11 catches for 105 yards that afternoon, which represented the first of two consecutive games with 100 yards receiving — something he had never before accomplished in his career.

Lawrence takes back over this week when the Tigers travel to Florida State, and he has had a front-row seat to Powell's growing confidence.

"Now he realizes some of the plays he's made, he's like, 'I can do it. I have confidence in my ability, in my skill, all those things,'" Lawrence said. "A huge part of this game is just being confident. I love to see him getting his confidence as a fifth-year senior."

Powell is not just making more catches and scoring more touchdowns. His yards after the catch and yards after contact have increased, and his drop percentage has decreased, per Sports Info Solutions. In 2019, he had 55 yards after the catch, which has increased to 138 yards this season. Last season, Powell had 32 yards after contact; this year he's up to 69. The drop rate has fallen from 11.1 percent to 5.9 percent.

"I'm versatile. Aggressive. Physical. Tough," he said, when asked to describe himself as a receiver.

"Whether I'm going in there and cracking a linebacker or going out there and making a big play down the field, I'm willing to do whatever it is."

-- NO. 21 RB DARIEN RENCHER --

Whatever the situation, Clemson's Darien Rencher finds the right words

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
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CLEMSON, S.C. — Thirteen college football players put their heads together on a Zoom call late Sunday night to see if maybe, just maybe, their voices would be powerful enough to save the college football season.

The effort didn't come only from some of the sport's most recognizable faces, but also from a third-string former walk-on running back at Clemson.

Darien Rencher, a product of nearby Anderson, S.C., had just 26 carries in 2019 for 135 yards and two touchdowns. But he's a natural leader and a gifted organizer. The redshirt senior could end up a Clemson captain if the 2020 season takes place. Just two months ago, he took the lead in organizing the logistics of the football team's peaceful demonstration against racial injustice.

On Sunday evening, Rencher was hanging out with his close friend Trevor Lawrence, when it became clear the sport's decision-makers were considering final calls on playing the 2020 season amid the pandemic. The star quarterback turned to Rencher, 22.

"'We've got to do something quick,'" Lawrence later recounted saying. "'And we've got to do something that will make people read it and make people listen.'"

They quickly organized a who's-who call of sorts, with the aim to present a message that college players across the country were unified in wanting to play. Ohio State's Justin Fields, Oklahoma State's Chuba Hubbard and Alabama's Najee Harris were among the participants.

The message and the players' list of ideas to improve the sport drew immediate nationwide attention when released on social media late Sunday. It remains to be seen what will happen overall — the ACC, SEC and Big 12 have not given up on playing this fall during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Big Ten and Pac-12 announced Tuesday the postponement of their fall seasons.

Whatever the outcome, when Rencher graduates in December, he'll have made an impact during a tumultuous time, when college football players have spoken out about racial injustice and having an increased say in their sport.

"We've gotten really close," Lawrence said. "He's like family to me. I know for each other, we've been a safe place, talking about things that we don't really feel comfortable talking to anyone else about."

Added Rencher's father, Darwin: "Everyone in the world knows who Trevor Lawrence is and who Justin Fields is, but it's kind of like the old cartoon, Batman and Robin. Batman's got his Robin. Darien is Trevor's Robin."

Rencher got his start in public speaking at his church, Newspring, in Anderson, his mother, Tara said.

Her youngest son, who mentors groups at church and in Bible study, has always been passionate, but logical. He's confident in his voice, but quick to listen. Before he helped plan Clemson's peaceful demonstration in June, he cried with his father about George Floyd's killing and called his grandmother in St. Louis to pick her brain about the country.

"He has the gift of wisdom and discernment like no other person I've seen," Tara said. "Just his viewpoint on things, it makes you go, 'Hmm. That really is true.'"

Rencher started to show the potential he had to bring people together after he tore both of his ACLs in high school and was sidelined for his entire junior season. The first tear came in the left knee when he was a sophomore playing basketball. The second, in the right knee, happened in a team scrimmage right before the football season was set to begin.

Bruce Ollis, Rencher's coach at T.L. Hanna High, is 63 and has been in football for 40 years. He became a head coach in 1987. Every year since then, he has conducted a yearly ritual that he picked up from former Furman coach Dick Sheridan. It's called the helmet dedication ceremony.

The idea is that at the beginning of each season, every player, one by one, puts his hand on a designated helmet and commits himself to the team. Some players cry, others give a speech and a few don't know what to say so they keep it short and sit back down. The helmet is then on display in a prominent place, such as the team lobby, so that members can be reminded of it regularly.

When Rencher stood up for his turn as a junior in 2014, fresh off the ACL tear, he had the room's attention.

"It's kind of like those old E.F. Hutton commercials," Ollis said. "I'm dating myself … I'm old. But what he had to say was always timely and important and people wanted to pay attention to him."

Rencher delivered one of the more inspirational speeches Ollis said he has heard, and he wishes he recorded it.

"I am a better man for having known that guy. Oh gosh," he said. "I mean, seriously. I'm a better person — and you can't say that all the time about a player having the kind of impact and effect on you."

By the time Rencher was a senior, he was healed from the injury and rushed for more than 1,000 yards, Ollis said. It was then when smaller schools started reaching out, though Rencher's heart never wavered from Clemson, where he wanted a chance to play among the best and for Dabo Swinney. Both of his parents attended the university, with Darwin shining as a track and field athlete in the 1980s. Tara is a nurse manager who is on the frontlines of fighting COVID-19, acting as both a caregiver and a makeshift family member for patients suffering.

Tigers defensive coordinator Brent Venables recruited Rencher's school and was a close friend of Ollis'. The coach promised Venables that even if Rencher never played a down for the Tigers on game day, it was guaranteed that he would still impact the program positively.

The memory of Rencher learning there was a spot for him to take as a walk-on prior to the 2016 season still makes Ollis emotional today.

The following year, when Rencher was a freshman at Clemson and Venables was back at T.L. Hanna, Ollis asked Venables how things were working out with his former running back.

"He got real quiet and serious and said, 'Coach, he's nothing like you said,'" Ollis recalled. "My chin hit my chest. I didn't know what to say. He said, 'He's better than you said.'

"I'll never forget that."

Rencher and Lawrence started to get close when Lawrence was an early enrollee freshman and Rencher was a redshirt sophomore in the spring semester of

2018.

Lawrence didn't say much then as he tried to beat out popular senior incumbent Kelly Bryant for the starting quarterback job. But he quickly connected with Rencher over their shared faith, and the two started attending Bible study together.

Their girlfriends — in Lawrence's case, fiancé — are also best friends, and the four double date regularly. Rencher even puts reservations in his name to protect Lawrence's identity in public.

"We started realizing we have some of the same aspirations and dreams, and we believe in the same things," Rencher said. "It's been cool to have my boy by my side and ultimately be together. I think God has been purposeful in bringing us together for a time such as this."

Darwin and Tara both say their son's greatest gift is his voice — or his "gift for gab," as Darwin calls it — even if he jokes Darien sometimes talks too fast.

That voice, and the way Rencher articulates himself, is what Ollis believes brings out the best in Lawrence, too.

"I think Trevor Lawrence is a better player for having befriended Darien Rencher," he said.

It also helped Rencher land micro internships with Adobe in 2017, Cisco in 2018 and the NFL in 2019.

After graduation, Rencher and Lawrence will take drastically different paths. Lawrence is a projected top pick in the NFL Draft, while what's next for Rencher remains to be seen.

But Rencher has set himself up for myriad opportunities because of his charisma and status as a Dean's List student at Clemson with a psychology degree on the way. In July, he was named to the watch list for the Wuerffel Trophy, which honors players involved in community service.

"He has words of knowledge, he has a spirit of faith, he has courage in adversity and pain," Tara said.

His high school coach also has an idea about what's in store.

"I told him the other day," Ollis said, "when he runs for Governor of South Carolina, I'll be his campaign manager."

How did a backup RB become a leading voice in college football? Because he's Darien Rencher

BY TODD SHANESY, SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL
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Seven years ago next month, almost two hours after T.L. Hanna High School football suffered a lopsided defeat in a home game, injured running back Darien Rencher was sitting in the middle of the field as the lights in the stadium were about to be turned off.

"I looked down from the press box and saw him," said athletics director John Cann, who was just about to flip the switches and go home. "I yelled something out the window and realized it was Darien. So I went down there to talk to him. He said, 'I'm sorry. I know I could've made a difference.' He kept apologizing. And I just kept thinking, 'What kind of kid would be sitting there sobbing his eyes out after we just got drilled and he wasn't even able to play?'"

Well, that kind of kid is Darien Rencher.

That kind of kid had suffered his second devastating knee injury, one on each leg, erasing all of his college scholarship offers in two sports, basketball and football, leaving him as a walk-on at best at any level.

And that kid, despite what almost anybody could have expected, now being a fifth-year student still buried on the depth chart for preseason No. 1 Clemson, is one of the leading voices in college football.

"It's just so awesome," Clemson offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said, "to see a man realize his gift, accept his gift and walk in his gift."

Rencher's gift is probably not to carry the football for Clemson. He is 5-foot-8, maybe 190 pounds, and has run for 238 yards in four years. His value is not so much in statistics as it is in an unexpected leadership role.

Rencher was the main organizer, teammates have said, of a recent Black Lives Matter peaceful demonstration on campus. Even on a Zoom video meeting this week of college superstars, including Tigers quarterback Trevor Lawrence and fellow Heisman Trophy favorites in Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields and Oklahoma State running back Chuba Hubbard, it was Rencher who sparked the #WeWantToPlay movement on social media, perhaps saving the college football season.

Lawrence said it was his face and Rencher's inspiration that provided the perfect combination. And that works out because they are also close friends. Lawrence is the voice of college football. But in reality, his words sometimes come from the unknown ventriloquist, Darien Rencher.

"Darien is a little bit better at that than me," Lawrence said. "I'm kind of using my platform, my voice, and he's good at rallying people together. We make a pretty good team."

They are teammates, offensive backfield mates, church mates and, perhaps most importantly, their girlfriends are best friends. They were together Sunday when they learned that the Big Ten and Pac-12 were about to give up football for the fall season because of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

"We were just sitting at a table (Sunday night), actually at Trevor's girlfriend's house, when everything happened," Rencher said. "In football, we know it's not over until it's over and we knew it wasn't over. We believe we can find a solution to every problem. Leaders find solutions."

Rencher is a leader who finds solutions on this Clemson football team and college football in general. That will be true even if he never gets on the field for an important play.

"I am extremely proud of Darien," Elliott said. "And I wouldn't try to take any credit for the young man that he is. His parents and all those who have been in his life have done a great job of instilling the right principles in that young man. I'm just glad to be alongside him. … I tell you what, he puts pressure on me to be the best version of myself because I know I have a young man watching my leadership. And he is definitely in the position of leadership."

That position doesn't surprise anybody who knows Rencher.

"Darien is going to be commissioner of the ACC one day or he'll be governor or do something else incredible with his life," Cann said. "He is so smart and people are drawn to him. He's at his best when he is in front of people, leading them in the right direction."

-- NO. 21 CB MALCOLM GREENE --

'Where I want to be': The story behind signee Malcolm Greene's decision to flip from LSU to Clemson

BY GRACE RAYNOR, THE ATHLETIC
February 4, 2020

CLEMSON, S.C. — When it was his turn to talk, Mike Reed tried to keep it together. Kim Reed tells her husband that he can get too emotional. But it was signing day. And Clemson's cornerbacks coach of seven seasons couldn't help it. He choked up.

Head coach Dabo Swinney, wearing the bright orange blazer he reserves for the annual event he holds every December for fans and boosters to learn about the new recruiting class, had turned to Reed. What could he share about Malcolm Greene, the four-star cornerback from Highland Springs, Va., who had officially flipped that very day from LSU, signing instead with Clemson?

"I get a little choked up because I love the kid … excuse me," Reed said, taking a moment to turn his head from the crowd and blot his eyes. Kim Reed and Swinney's wife, Kathleen, could also be seen becoming emotional.

"You've got to be patient with me on that."

Greene, the No. 6 player in Virginia for the Class of 2020 as rated by 247Sports, will enroll at Clemson in June. The versatile defensive back, who attended the same high school as Clemson's K'Von Wallace, is in the process of finishing an associate's degree in business. The 18-year-old high school senior, enrolled in a dual degree program, expects to arrive at Clemson with at least 55 academic credit hours. By the time he starts the season, he'll be a freshman on the field but a junior in the classroom.

Loren Johnson, his high school coach, expects Greene to earn a master's degree in Year 3 while playing under Swinney. His academic positioning is unique among the acclaimed class that Clemson has rounded out long before the February signing period that starts Wednesday.

And yet, Greene almost didn't end up at Clemson. He had previously verbally committed to LSU in October, and there is more to the story than he's previously shared.

"I really felt like he was going to LSU," Johnson said.

"And (at) the last minute, in the wee hours, some things changed. Because of it, he ends up at Clemson, and that's going to be something that I think will be a great experience for him."

On Jan. 13, when Clemson played LSU in the national championship game, Greene's phone — as expected — kept buzzing.

After months of buildup, he'd finally made his mind up weeks earlier and de-committed from LSU on Dec. 18, signing his national letter of intent with Clemson the same day. Now, with the programs playing each other in New Orleans and LSU taking the title, it was only natural for chatter involving him to heat up again.

"National championship was crazy," Greene said. "It got kind of hectic where I live because of people knowing that I was committed to LSU, then went to Clemson. (There were) a lot of people saying I made a bad decision. But I'm 100 percent positive that I didn't. I'm where I want to be and where I need to be."

Greene was just 16 when Clemson made him an offer ahead of his junior season in August of 2018, and although there was a part of him that always knew he wanted to play for Swinney's Tigers, committing so quickly gave him pause. Wanting to weigh other options, Greene evaluated the 30-some other schools vying for his services and started visiting campuses. He visited Virginia once in October of 2018, then headed to Clemson twice — once in October and again in January of 2019, before he decided he was ready to commit to Clemson in April of 2019.

But when he made up his mind, there was just one problem.

"He wanted to come, wanted to commit, and I didn't have a spot," Swinney said at the December signing

day event. "I like to just be sure about the number (of scholarships). … I didn't have a spot."

Greene had missed his window.

Because Clemson, at the time, was only going to take one cornerback and two safeties for the Class of 2020, Greene was in a pinch. Fred Davis II, a cornerback from Jacksonville, Fla., gave Clemson his word on April 8 of 2019, filling the spot.

That left Greene heading into his senior high school season without having made a commitment. When he visited LSU in October of 2019, he didn't want to miss another chance. Plus, he enjoyed LSU despite holding out hope that Clemson might have a spot open in the future.

"So I committed to LSU," he said. "I locked it in. Wanted to secure a spot."

In the meantime, Reed spent much of Clemson's 2019 season knocking on Swinney's office door, regularly asking if there was any chance Clemson might be able to take another corner. Swinney told him the same thing every time:

"I'm like, 'Mike, you're done,'" he said. "'We got one.'"

But when a spot opened in December and Clemson had more flexibility, Swinney called Reed into his office. Things had changed.

"I said, 'Mike, I got a spot' and I said, 'We need a corner,'" Swinney said. "I said, 'So who you got?' And he went, 'Malcolm Greene. That's who I'm calling right now.'"

Because Reed and several other Clemson coaches had maintained relationships with Greene, even after he committed to LSU, when Reed called and said Greene could commit to Clemson if he still wanted to, the answer came quickly. News leaked out before signing day that Greene's heart was with Clemson and word spread he was expected to flip.

"I actually knew on our first visit to Clemson, which was unofficial (in October of 2018), that that was the place that I felt was best for him. I did not express that to him directly — it was up to him to make that decision," said Malcolm's father, Michael.

"(LSU coach Ed Orgeron) and everyone there, they treated us very well. But there were certain elements in the program at Clemson off the football field — the things that they do to grow young men into men once they're done with their collegiate career. And I knew on that (Clemson) visit that that would be what I would consider his best choice. When it finally did come through, he was ecstatic. Needless to say, we were all ecstatic."

Those off-the-field aspects are particularly important to Greene's parents, Michael and Hope, who have four children — each with athletic gifts.

Mike Greene, the family's eldest son, is a rising senior defensive tackle at James Madison. He's a two-year starter who just competed in the Dukes' FCS national championship, a January loss to North Dakota State, and racked up 11 tackles for loss with 7.5 sacks in 2019. He also served as Malcolm's greatest mentor throughout the recruiting process.

Then there's Malcolm, younger brother Miles and younger sister Madison, all of whom grew up in a house of discipline with a stress on academics.

"Football has sort of been one of his first loves," Michael Greene said of Malcolm. "But in our household, before you are able to step on the football field or whatever athletic field it may be, you have to be great in the classroom first."

Malcolm, who wore a sports coat to dinner on his official visit at Clemson with the coaching staff, fits that bill.

As a middle schooler, Malcolm applied and was accepted to Highland Springs High School's Advanced College Academy. The ACA program, one that Johnson says is intense, takes about 60 kids a year and starts to fast track their academic experience.

Geometry is offered in the eighth grade. So is Spanish. By the time one of these middle schoolers arrives in high school, he/she takes junior year courses as a freshman and senior year courses as a sophomore. That's why Malcolm will have his associate's degree in business — his junior and senior years of high school were spent taking freshman and sophomore-level college classes.

"They're sticklers (in the Greene house) for just being great in everything," Johnson said. "Academically, Malcolm is a phenomenal person."

When he arrives at Clemson, Malcolm plans to pursue business and marketing, with an eye on entrepreneurship.

He loves fashion and has already told his father he'd like to earn his master's degree so that he can launch a sports apparel business. A doctorate, he says, will come after a potential NFL career. The Greenes are hopeful that Clemson's P.A.W. Journey program, one designed by former linebacker Jeff Davis to prepare football players for life after the sport, will help position Malcolm nicely. That was one of the things that set Clemson apart, after all.

Greene, who competed for two state championships and won one as a junior, will enter Clemson as a cornerback, despite multiple recruiting services listing him as a safety.

Don't be surprised, though, if he eventually learns all of the spots in the secondary.

He saw first-hand from Wallace, a mentor to Greene, what versatility can do for a player in coordinator Brent Venables' defense. Wallace, who just departed the program as a graduate with two national championships, could have played cornerback if Clemson ever needed him there. He shared stories of his Clemson experience with Greene regularly, which allows Greene to know what to expect in a few months.

"I tell everybody this that comes in our building: when you recruit one of the kids from Highland Springs, you recruit all of them," Johnson said. "How you handle that process with the individual that has already signed makes a big impact on how everybody feels about the school.

"K'Von having a great experience at Clemson just made it easy for Clemson to come in and get a guy like Malcolm."

Greene and Wallace are similar players, Johnson said, in terms of skill sets and leadership qualities.

"You're kind of getting the same guy. They both have relentless motors. Like, their motor is nonstop," Johnson said. "Malcolm's motor probably goes a little bit longer than K'Von's at this age right now."

Greene played running back in middle school before Johnson converted him in high school to defensive back, where more snaps were available.

He can play offense — Highland Springs dabbled with it as often as possible — but his real strength is as a well-rounded defender. Greene, 5-11 and 185 pounds, benefited from coaches with experience playing in the secondary. Johnson played defensive back at Virginia Tech; Highland Springs defensive coordinator Devon Simmons at Virginia. Greene, the No. 29 safety nationally per 247Sports, could be due for a growth spurt. Older brother Mike, who played center and defensive end at Highland Springs, hit one when he got to college, growing about two inches and adding 40 pounds.

"I could tell you this: maybe it'll come to fruition maybe it won't," Johnson said. "If Malcolm is in that same trend, the Malcolm that (the Tigers) have right now is not the Malcolm that they will have four years from now because Malcolm will probably grow one to two inches when he gets to Clemson."

Once he arrives, Greene will have to earn playing time behind established starter Derion Kendrick, as well as Mario Goodrich, Sheridan Jones, LeAnthony Williams, Andrew Booth Jr. and Davis, the fellow freshman.

But if he has to be patient, that's OK by him.

After the recruiting process, he knows a thing or two about that.

"You talk about a young man who wanted to be here, who was patient (for a Clemson scholarship). And society doesn't teach patience anymore," Reed said. "For me to sit there and keep telling this young man, 'Believe in the process, believe in the process' — he did.

"The fact that I get the opportunity to coach him, it's going to be special. I believe in him. We believe in him. He's going to be great here."

-- NO. 23 CB ANDREW BOOTH JR. --

Clemson cornerback's spectacular interception a confidence booster

BY JOSHUA NEEDELMAN, THE POST AND COURIER
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CLEMSON — The back of the orange jersey read 'LOVE' but there was no mistaking which Clemson cornerback had made the interception.

His leap was balletic, his hand magnetic. Brent Venables knew it was Andrew Booth Jr.

"We've seen that one-handed play in practice many times," said Clemson's defensive coordinator.

But Tigers fans had not. They had seen Booth get beat in deep coverage time and again against Wake Forest in the season opener. They had seen him, then a pugnacious freshman, punch a Louisville player in the facemask last season.

The Dacula, Ga., native showed a different side in last weekend's 41-23 win over Virginia. His one-handed interception in the third quarter proved to be a defining moment, and it provided Booth with a much-needed surge of self-confidence ahead of the No. 1 Tigers' clash with No. 7 Miami on Saturday night.

"That's just one thing I've been battling with, is trying to keep my confidence up," Booth said. "It's been a battle, me versus me. That's definitely a confidence booster."

The Hurricanes are off to a surprising 3-0 start. Their quarterback, graduate transfer D'Eriq King, has been a dynamo with his arm and with his legs.

And two of his favorite targets are tight ends — 6-3 Brevin Jordan and 6-5 Will Mallory — who have received high praise from Venables.

To that end it's worth noting that Booth's interception came against 6-7 wide receiver Lavel Davis Jr.

Booth is 6 feet tall.

"But he's long," Venables said. "He's like a praying mantis out there. He's got arms and legs forever. He's very high-hipped and a high-cut-waisted guy that's got a big radius."

Booth — who was one of the many Clemson players to substitute their last names for a social justice phrase in the Virginia game — also had two pass breakups in the win.

It's that kind of intensity that's endeared him to coaches and older teammates, like former cornerback

K'Von Wallace, who now plays for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. Senior wide Amari Rodgers, for one, reached out to Booth after the defensive back's first game last season.

"I said, 'Bro, like, if you learn the defense, you're going to be special. You got all the abilities,'" Rodgers said. "He loves to come down and tackle and you rarely see that in corners."

The five-star recruit's talent didn't immediately translate to playing time last season. With A.J. Terrell (now a member of the Atlanta Falcons) and Derion Kendrick in the two starting corner spots, Booth was mostly relegated to special teams.

It didn't help that he was battling a lingering knee injury and the emotional toll of being away from his twin sister, Alicia, for the first time.

But with time he's grown more comfortable, from a physical and a mental standpoint. He got his knee scoped after the 2019-20 season, and he's taken time to appreciate the wisdom of Rodgers and others.

Now he's a key cog in a cornerbacks group coach Dabo Swinney is "in love" with.

Booth did not start against Virginia; Kendrick and sophomore Sheridan Jones earned the nods. But it will be important to keep fresh legs on the field against Miami, which is averaging an ACC-best 45.5 points per game.

Even if Booth doesn't earn the start Saturday, it's likely he sees the field. At some point, he might even find himself playing one-on-one in coverage against a Miami tight end.

He might leave his feet, box out his opponent and reach for the ball — much like last weekend, when he snagged the interception that made him feel like himself again.

-- NO. 24 S NOLAN TURNER --

Nolan Turner: The 'COVID Quarantine' was 'the Best Thing for Me'

BY ZACH LENTZ, ALLCLEMSON.COM
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Clemson Tigers redshirt senior safety Nolan Turner may have come from a small town outside Birmingham, Ala., to an even smaller town in Upstate South Carolina, but after a shoulder surgery that sidelined him for the spring, he is back and ready help his team return to the national title spotlight.

"Throughout the spring I got to kind of sit back and you know, coach up the young guys and just, you know, be with them in practice and give them tips," Turner told the media Thursday.

While the nation was lamenting the quarantine that the COVID-19 pandemic brought upon the United States, Turner saw it as a blessing in disguise.

"Then, you know, throughout the whole COVID quarantine deal...was really probably the best thing for me," Turner said. "Just give me plenty of time to rehab, you know on my own and, you know, get that strength back."

Turner sometimes gets "overlooked" in the secondary because he didn't have the media exposure of some athletes coming out of high school and only received one offer to play college football, according to safeties coach Mickey Conn.

That offer came, not from his late father's, Kevin Turner, alma mater of Alabama, but from Clemson.

"He is a tremendous athlete," Conn said about Nolan. "I mean, unbelievable athlete. You're talking about a 6-foot-2, 195-pound kid that can run, change direction. I think his hips, his ability to be able to swivel his hips and change direction. His vision is unbelievable, and he has a great understanding of the defense."

"(I) would like (him to be) a little bit bigger and improve on his tackling a little bit more. But from where he's come from, I think his confidence has just skyrocketed with him being able to get out there and play."

Turner enters 2020 credited with 124 tackles (5.5 for loss), 14 passes broken up, three interceptions (all in postseason play) returned 24 yards, a sack and a forced fumble in 973 snaps over 43 career games (four starts).

The now senior enters his final season in a Tiger uniform as a veteran of a secondary that looks to replace two starters at safety off last year's squad. But Turner believes that the youth of this year's back four is not a factor.

"As far as leadership goes you know it's been great," Turner said. "These guys are just super bought in. We got a great group of young safeties and DBs. Just super athletic and, you know, there's really bought in and, you know, really bridged the gap of inexperience you know throughout this quarantine with meetings and everything so it's been a good time."

-- NO. 29 PK B.T. POTTER --

Record-breaking kick gives Potter confidence entering 2020

BY GAVIN OLIVER, THE CLEMSON INSIDER
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Looking back on it, B.T. Potter admits he was nervous heading into the 2019 College Football Playoff as Clemson's first-year starter at placekicker in his sophomore season, and the nerves perhaps showed when he missed his lone field goal attempt in the Fiesta Bowl semifinal victory over Ohio State, a 49-yarder on the Tigers' opening possession of the game.

Though that kick didn't go his way, Potter stepped up when his number was called in the national championship game against LSU, nailing a 52-yarder early in the second quarter in front of 76,885 fans at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans and millions of others on national TV.

It ended up being his only field goal try in Clemson's 42-25 loss.

"Going into the playoff last year, I was a little bit scared," he said this spring. "I've kicked off in these big games, but I've never kicked field goals. So, when we got into the national championship, that was obviously the biggest stage I've ever kicked a field goal on. But it was crazy, and I really enjoyed it."

Potter's 52-yarder vs. LSU was the longest made field goal in College Football Playoff National Championship Game history, surpassing a 51-yarder by Georgia's Rodrigo Blankenship against Alabama in the game to conclude the 2017 season.

The record-breaking kick provided Potter with something positive to build upon this offseason and gives him confidence as he gets ready for his junior campaign.

"The night before the game I was sitting in my room and I was like, I need to go out good with this last game," Potter recalled. "I felt like I did good, and this past offseason I've been thinking about that, and it makes me believe that I can go up from here."

Highly regarded for his big leg coming out of South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C., Potter has consistently displayed his ability to boot the ball deep, recording 158 touchbacks on 214 career kickoffs and posting a 63.4-yard kickoff average in his first two seasons.

Potter is also 86-for-86 on PATs in 30 career games but was not as reliable as a field goal kicker last season, finishing with a 13-for-21 mark in his first season as Greg Huegel's replacement. So naturally, Potter is focusing on becoming more dependable this upcoming season.

"Pretty much obviously inconsistency," he said of what he is working on. "This offseason, breaking down my form, noticing little things like my toe being up and things like that. I've just been working on it all spring and doing pretty good."

Potter certainly looked like an improved kicker during Clemson's nine spring practices, during which he went 34-of-35 on field goals according to head coach Dabo Swinney.

"I mean, he'd win the (Lou) Groza (Award) with that," Swinney said. "It's amazing what type of nine days he had."

For Potter, despite his up-and-down sophomore season, the 2020 football season can't get here soon enough.

"Honestly, this offseason I missed it," he said. "Even with the bad kicks I had last year sometimes, I miss the opportunity and getting out there. So, I'm just excited to get back at it."

Clemson's B.T. Potter "flipped the switch" after rough start to career

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Clemson kicker B.T Potter has earned the admiration of his teammates and coaches.

Potter has been flawless three games into the season, drilling all five of his field goal attempts and all 15 extra points. He continues to emerge as one of Clemson's early MVPs, his leg being as reliable as anyone in college football.

But Potter's journey at Clemson hasn't come without its due portion of ups and downs. Last season, Potter was a lackluster 13-21 on field goal attempts, drawing the ire of fans at several key points throughout the year. Perhaps most notably, head coach Dabo Swinney became the internet's hottest topic during Clemson's 45-14 victory over Florida State for ripping into Potter on the sidelines following a missed 24-yard field goal attempt.

"He's 55 percent," Swinney said following the game on Oct. 12, 2019. "And he's way better than that. He's just got to get the focus that he needs. We've got to give somebody else a chance."

That's just what Dabo did, benching Potter for backup kicker Steven Sawicki following the miss. But in classic Swinney fashion, he made sure to sing Potter's praises just as loudly, assuring to the public that it was only a matter of time before the sophomore placekicker returned to proper form.

"I haven't lost any confidence in him," Swinney said. "He's going to kick in the NFL. He's probably the most talented kicker I've ever had, just pure talent and pure leg strength. But he's got to grow up a little bit. He's got to grow up and get the type of mental toughness that it takes to be special at that position. If he wants to be the guy, he's got to earn it."

Swinney's sideline tirade, along with a much-needed evening meal, seemed to kick Potter into a different level.

"We sat down for dinner one night, and he told me he had all the confidence in the world in me, and that really helped me," Potter said in 2019 after earning his starting position back. "That's just something that people don't see. And I know that he believes in me and that was definitely one of the best parts of last week, just hearing that."

After coming back into his own, Potter concluded the 2019 season by making eight of his final 11 field goal attempts, including a 52-yarder in the national championship against LSU.

Now, just a few games into the 2020 season, it's clear that Potter has evolved into somewhat of a brand new player. Tiger coaches and fans are comfortable letting out sighs of relief when he struts onto the field as opposed to holding their collective breaths. Gone are the days of "I can't look, tell me what happens" when Potter lays into the ball. Confidence in the kicker is through the roof. But what exactly changed for Potter?

Some, like Potter's placeholder Will Swinney, might say that he's "flipped a switch."

"It's just awesome," said the senior receiver and placeholder. "I'm not surprised at all. I even saw it this summer. He's really come on and kind of flipped a switch. And last year, there were ups and downs, but he finished so strong and made some huge kicks for us. But all summer I noticed a difference. He was making almost every kick. It's been cool to see it translate over to practice, translate to the games."

Potter has particularly enhanced his long kicking prowess, connecting on a 52-yarder against Wake Forest in the Tigers' opening game.

"These aren't just 20-yarders we're going out there and hitting," remarked Swinney. "He's made three 40+ yarders, a 50+ yarder. And we're going to keep working to keep improving and getting better in that area."

Just under a year removed from head coach Dabo Swinney's sideline outburst toward Potter, his tone on the junior's performance has done a complete 180.

"We've got confidence in our kicker," said coach Swinney, smiling. "[Potter's] a guy that can knock it through from 55, easy. We feel like [the special teams phase] is as good a phase right now as anything we're doing offensively or defensively."

And who knows? The outcome of Saturday night's matchup against Miami could very well hinge upon the sturdy right leg of Potter. Should that be the case — unlike last year — Tiger fans will have all the faith in the world that he will come through. So far this season, the new look B.T. Potter hasn't given a single reason to believe otherwise.

-- NO. 36 S LANNDEN ZANDERS --

Clemson safety's hair has earned Polamalu comparisons, but it's really to honor grandma

BY JOSHUA NEEDELMAN, THE POST & COURIER
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CLEMSON — Only Lannden Zanders' grandma was allowed to brush his hair when he was growing up.

She was meticulous. Wanda Robertson would sit the young boy on her front porch and glide a brush through his long, dark mane, working through the tangles strand by strand.

The ritual burnished a deep appreciation for his hair — and a deeper appreciation for the woman who cared for it.

So when Robertson was diagnosed with breast cancer and forced to shave her head bald because of the chemotherapy, the future Clemson safety didn't hesitate to chop off his locks.

His parents assured the 8-year-old Zanders that yes, of course, his contribution would go directly to making Robertson a wig. The reality was it would go to Locks for Love, a non-profit organization that turns human hair into wigs for sick children, but there was no reason for the truth to get in the way of Zanders' act of kindness.

Robertson survived. Her hair grew back. But Zanders, now a sophomore starter for a Tigers defense among the best in the nation, still keeps his mane long. Outsiders think it's a tribute to the legendary Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu, but those around Zanders know the real reason.

(It) is something I can do for her," he said.

His mother, Quyen Ngo, always wanted to have one boy and one girl. But 21 months after she gave birth to her son Quenten, out popped Lannden. She compromised: her youngest son would grow out his hair.

"I (left) his hair long for that purpose, because it was just so cute on him, and he looked like a girl," Ngo said. "Since he was little, he was that free spirit, long hair, don't care."

Robertson especially took a liking to the hairdo. Ngo and Zanders' father, Lindell, dropped him and his brother off at her house when they went to work, and Robertson stuffed the boys with her Southern home cooking.

When Lindell got home, he instilled in his sons the value of charity. One day, he brought them to Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, armed with gifts for the kids in the beds.

Zanders was taken aback when he learned why the children didn't have hair. That's when he asked to get his first haircut. There were wigs that needed to be made, after all. He was 6.

"He asked, like, 'How many wigs do you think they could make out of my hair?' I said, 'A lot, because you got a lot of hair,'" Ngo said. "He got excited about that. He cut them, he grow it back, he cut them, he grow it back.

"It's like weeds. They just grow like wild weeds."

The practice continued as he got older and became more personal when he learned of Robertson's diagnosis. His relationship with his grandmother remained strong as he grew into a star safety at Crest High School (Shelby, N.C.); Zanders knew when he got home from games his grandmother would be there to dish out some of her famous mac 'n cheese.

Zanders hardly minds the Polamalu comparison. He's adopted elements of the Hall of Famers' high-energy, fly-to-the ball playing style, and four games into the season he has 13 tackles and three pass breakups.

His hair is not as famous as that of quarterback Trevor Lawrence, but as his production continues to grow, the spotlight will burn brighter. He intends to keep his hair long, for no other reason than it reminds him of Robertson's brush on that front porch:

"I was a grandma's boy."

-- NO. 46 LS JACK MADDOX --

Maddox just wanted to take nap, but stalking Dabo Swinney had other ideas

BY DAVID HOOD, TIGERNET
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Jack Maddox just wanted to take a nap. Head coach Dabo Swinney, who was stalking Maddox as he walked down the hall, had other ideas. Maddox didn't get his nap, but he did receive a scholarship.

Maddox is a redshirt junior long snapper out of Acton (MA) Acton-Boxborough who enters 2020 having appeared in 11 career games. He snapped in nine games a year ago. Maddox recorded first career fumble recovery on a muffed punt at NC State.

That fumble recovery – and a National Championship – stood as the highlights of his career heading into August.

"Coming down here I knew that (winning a National Championship) was a possibility, but never in my wildest dreams did I think that would come through," Maddox told TigerNet Friday. "So as a team, that would definitely be number one. But as an individual, as a long snapper, you cherish any opportunity you get to recover a fumble. Luckily, I think it have been the easiest fumble recovery in college football history because it popped right into my lap. I was obviously glad that happened, as well, so I would put that up there in my top memories."

Maddox didn't arrive at Clemson by accident.

"During the college search process, I narrowed it down to four schools and Clemson was obviously one of them. I have a unique, cool fact that my uncle is a professor here," he said. "So, I learned of Clemson and got to come down here, and while I was down visiting I got to come to Coach Swinney's camps. I just had the fluke talent of long snapping and that caught their eye. As I came back for two years, they gave me an opportunity to be a preferred walk-on. So it's a cool story and I'm glad I came to camp."

One day during camp, Maddox simply wanted to find a cool spot to take a nap and as he walked down the hall in the Reeves Football Complex, he noticed he was being shadowed, maybe even stalked, by a familiar figure.

"I was going to the CASL, the (Clemson) Applied Sports Science Lab, to take an afternoon nap before practice," Maddox said. "And Coach Swinney was walking behind me and he asked me where I was going and I told him I was going to take a nap. And he kept following, but I didn't make too much of it. And then we got to the room and it was in front of the CASL staff. He asked me if I had paid for school yet, and I said I believe so, and he said I would have little more pocket change because I don't have to worry about it for at least a semester."

Playing the sport he loves at the highest level was the ultimate reward for Maddox. Earning a scholarship? The proverbial icing on the cake.

"I never came to Clemson to play Divison I football for a scholarship," Maddox said. "I wanted to play because it was a longtime dream of mine and if I had the opportunity to earn one, that would just be the cherry on top. I knew that coming into the season I had a chance to be the guy. Did I expect to be put on scholarship before the season? No. It was obviously a pleasant surprise, but knowing I put the work in over three years, it was definitely a pleasant surprise."

In an interview provided to the Boston Herald, Swinney said Maddox is as good an athlete who is also a great leader.

"I didn't know much about Jack but he came to our camp. I think he had an uncle that was a professor here so he reached out and said, 'I've got a nephew coming to camp and he's a pretty good long snapper and pretty good athlete.' He really impressed us in our camp," Swinney said. "And I told him, 'If you can get into Clemson, we'd love to have you on the team. I think you've got some potential as a snapper.' He really had just started doing it so I was intrigued with him as an athlete. I think he played lacrosse and he's a basketball player. He's just a really good athlete. He can run well

and and had good size potential. He's really developed nicely like we hoped he would as a snapper.

"He's become a leader. He's a great student and a very, very smart young man. He's the epitome of what you want to see in our program. Guys come in during all different stages of development - mentally, physically, technically, fundamentally - and there's always a lot of work to do. As I always say, there's nothing more common than unsuccessful people. That's a quote from somebody. You've got to pay the price. Jack Maddox is the epitome of that. He had a lot of work to do physically. If you look at where he was when he got here to where he is now, his strength, his size, you name it.

"He had a lot of work to do from a confidence standpoint in trying to become a great long snapper at this level and then the same thing with fundamentals, technique. He had a lot of work to put in that weight room and he's done it. Academically, he's a gifted student and he's excelled. What I love is that as he's put that work in is his confidence and consistency. He's become very confident, very consistent and grown into a great leader for us."

-- NO. 47 LB JAMES SKALSKI --

Clemson linebacker's ejection in title game was low point, but he's back

BY JOSHUA NEEDELMAN, THE POST AND COURIER
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CLEMSON — Sherri Skalski needed to excuse herself. It was the College Football Playoff national championship, and her son was having the "game of his life." Then the referee's whistle blew.

The verdict was delivered: James Skalski, Clemson's middle linebacker, was ruled guilty of targeting. The punishment? Ejection, and an escort to the locker room.

"Like a criminal," Sherri observed. "It's really humiliating. It just doesn't look good."

As her son retreated to the bowels of New Orleans' Superdome, Sherri stood up and left her end zone seat. She didn't want the camera to capture her heartbroken face.

She was found near the concession stands by the rest of the Skalski cheering section: her daughter, Brenna; her step daughter, Caitlyn; and her son's girlfriend, Caitlyn Moyb.

Three sets of eyes focused on the family matriarch. Their guy was gone, but the game was still happening. LSU was on the verge of pulling away.

What were they to do?

"Well," she said. "We take a deep breath. And we're Clemson fans. We're not James Skalski-only fans. We are Clemson fans. So we go back down, and we cheer for our team."

That's what they did, though there was less to cheer about as the night wore on. LSU quarterback Joe Burrow hit wide receiver Thaddeus Moss for a 4-yard score the play after Skalski's ejection, turning a three-point Clemson deficit into a 10-point hole. Another LSU touchdown two possessions later spelled the end of Clemson's 29-game winning streak.

The 42-25 defeat stung for coach Dabo Swinney's team, but perhaps no player felt as helpless as the clock wound down than Skalski. Some on social media criticized the call.

ESPN's Stephen A Smith chimed in on Twitter: "What B.S. To get thrown out of the game for (that) hit is utterly ridiculous."

That was a popular sentiment. Skalski himself was seen screaming on the sideline after the ruling, having yanked off his helmet in frustration. Before Skalski left the field for good, though, Swinney pulled him aside and said something that brought a "calmness" over the linebacker:

"I love you."

Brenna and Sherri said something had shifted by the time they saw him later in the night. He had moved on. He refrained from lamenting what could've been.

Skalski, instead, looked toward the future. He had one year of eligibility remaining, after all. Another shot at a national championship. One comment he made stuck with his mother:

"We'll be back."

Swinney had high hopes for Skalski entering last season. Addressing the media in July, he gushed over the 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker.

"The football world does not really know who Skalski is, but if he stays healthy, they will," Swinney said. "He is a really good football player. It is just a matter of time before everyone knows that."

The words proved prescient. Forced to redshirt the previous season after suffering a broken foot, Skalski helped anchor a Tigers' defense that held all 12 of its regular-season opponents to fewer than 300 yards.

Playing beside All-America linebacker Isaiah Simmons, Skalski finished second on the team with 105 tackles (7.5 loss), in addition to recording 4.5 sacks, four pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. The football world, without question, had learned who he was.

The Jan. 13 national title game was shaping up to be the perfect coda to his breakout season. Through 39 minutes, Skalski had recorded six tackles, a sack and a pass breakup, and with the game close, he was likely to fill up the box score some more.

With about six minutes remaining in the third quarter, Burrow completed a 7-yard pass to LSU's Justin Jefferson over the top. Safety Denzel Johnson went low. Skalski went high, inadvertently smashing the crown of his helmet into the receiver's shoulder.

In addition to Skalski's ejection, LSU was granted an automatic first down. Burrow then connected with Moss for the touchdown the following play.

Up in the stands, Skalski's sister felt a sinking feeling. Brenna said she took her four years on the Georgia State softball team "for granted" before graduating in 2018, focusing more on the balls she didn't catch than those she did.

It was important, she insisted to her younger brother, to enjoy the present. Now, on the biggest stage of his career to that point, Skalski had the moment yanked from him.

"Yeah, man, I cried," he said. "I bawled like a baby."

On Monday, Skalski leaned against a back wall in the Tigers' practice facility, covered in sweat. His white tank top bore a quote: 'Forgetting what is Behind, and Looking Forward To What Lies Ahead.'

The team had been progressing well in spring practice, he said. And he was taking on more of a leadership role. Some of the young guys have taken to calling him 'sensei.'

"Skalski, I feel like he is the epitome of mike linebacker," redshirt sophomore linebacker Mike Jones Jr. said. "Skalski could go out there, no joke, and coach up every position. Every single position.

"He'll rally the troops, man. He has me ready to go knock somebody out every practice."

Skalski said he's moved on from the ejection, which will force him to sit for the first half of Clemson's season opener at Georgia Tech on Sept. 3. He's trying to appeal that ruling, he told The Post and Courier, but is uncertain the measure will work.

Brenna, for what it's worth, wasn't surprised her brother put the targeting call behind him so fast. The family's resolve has been tested in the past. On Oct. 14, 2016, Skalski's father, John, died of a heart attack. He was 51.

"As an athlete, you have the impression that you have control of things, and to an extent you do," Brenna said. "When you have a life event a little contrary to that, you're able to grow as a person. That helps you grow as an athlete. You realize you can't control everything."

Like a referee's hand signal, and the corresponding frustration that comes with it. Skalski can control his attitude. And his diet. He's cut out junk food and lowered his sugar intake — that means no more Gatorade. He fills his body with fruits, vegetables and lean meats. Sherri no longer sees charges from Chick-fil-A on his bank statement.

On Jan. 29, Clemson posted a video to its official Twitter account that started with Skalski walking into the team weight room. Wide receiver Amari Rodgers provided the voiceover against dramatic music.

"When one season ends, the next begins," Rodgers said in the video, as the music quickened. "So what happens after you go 29-0 but lose in the national championship?"

The music stopped. Skalski, standing at a squat rack, balanced the weight on his neck. Before lowering into the squat, he looked into the camera and answered Rodgers' question:

"You get back to work."

-- NO. 65 OL MATT BOCKHORST --

Need a New Face Of Clemson Football? Meet Matt Bockhorst

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CLEMSON — Week after week, Eric Mac Lain went in front of the media, answered every question with professionalism, even as a college kid, and quickly became the face of Clemson football.

That was 2015, the Tigers' first trip to the College Football Playoff, and the offensive guard turned that opportunity into the moniker "Mr. Clemson" and eventually a college football analyst job at ACC Network.

It was obvious early on Mac Lain had the chops to become a star. He knew what he was talking about, and he was a great representative of the program.

Clemson's had several players fill that role since, even at offensive line. It's a position that doesn't get the glory of a quarterback or a flashy receiver, but it can produce great spokesmen.

John Simpson, an All-ACC guard in 2019, is a prime example. He represented Clemson at ACC Kickoff last July and grabbed attention with his decision to don a blonde wig, since quarterback Trevor Lawrence didn't make the trip.

So it's not unusual for an eccentric, fun-loving big fella to take on a popular role with the media and fans.

Enter Matt Bockhorst.

In case you don't know, the rising junior left guard is taylormade to become one of the visible faces of Clemson football in 2020.

"He's going to be the face of a company or governor of a state," Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney said about Bockhorst this week. "He's a 4.0 student. He's brilliant. He's unbelievable. He's one of our Paw Journey top ambassadors. He's just an amazing young person who happens to be a nasty guard."

And he's openly ready to become a leader both on

and off the field.

"That would be an honor," Bockhorst said. "Seeing all the talented guys and really great guys that have come before me, it would really be special for me to become one of the faces of the team. I never do it for glory. Playing offensive line, there's not much glory in it, but if I can be looked at by my teammates as a leader and someone who is well respected I'd really love to try to earn that."

He's well on his way. Bockhorst might not be a household name.

He might be more known for his comment last season about the offensive linemen putting together a calendar swimsuit calendar.

"Everybody loves the fat guys," Bockhorst said.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native played in all 15 games last year but only started one. He saw over 400 snaps as a backup in 2019, and played them well, after seeing 178 in 2018. Bockhorst redshirted in 2017, so if you're not as familiar with his ability, you will be in 2020.

"He can play this game at a high level," Swinney said. "He's strong, athletic, flexible. He can do splits. He's a very unique guy at his position. So committed. He's one of the best leaders we've got and has been. He was a great leader for us last year. He's got a bright future."

Bockhorst gets it. He's built relationships with guards before him, like Simpson, Taylor Hearn and Mac Lain, so the foundation for the offensive line leadership standard is well known.

Bockhorst understands he has big shoes (literally) to fill with Simpson gone, but he's as ready and committed as anybody to step into that role and give back.

"Now that it is my time, it's something I have to pay forward to the young guys," Bockhorst said. "Given that we have a really young offensive line room this spring, coming up this season, it's on me, (left tackle) Jackson (Carman) and (center) Cade (Stewart) to take those guys under our wings and really elevate the level of the group as a whole. It's a unique opportunity to fill that spot and hopefully do a good job."

Bockhorst takes great pride in this opportunity. And he's not afraid to be vocal. In fact, that greatly fits his personality. He won't shy away from holding teammates accountable or praising them for great effort. He says it can't be "fabricated," though.

One former player who taught him that is defensive lineman Christian Wilkins, who was a strong face of the program and now plays for the Miami Dolphins in the NFL. Those two "butted heads" in practice, but Bockhorst learned valuable lessons from Wilkins: Don't be afraid to be who you are and use that to influence teammates.

"Some guys aren't going to be vocal leaders. I've always kind of had a loud personality and it's not something I'm ashamed of," Bockhorst said. "It's a place I think I can take hold of on this team and it's something I'm really excited to do. It's certainly a new opportunity for me but I'm doing the best I can to fill that void."

-- NO. 71 OT JORDAN McFADDEN --

Jordan McFadden already meeting expectations as building block of Clemson offensive line

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Two games into his new role as a starting offensive lineman for No. 1-ranked Clemson, sophomore Jordan McFadden from Dorman High School was able to take a comfortable rest last week on the Tigers' open date.

But he's certainly not going to rest on his laurels.

In McFadden's second start, a 49-0 win against The Citadel, he graded out among the best FBS linemen the country. Only Liam Eichenberg of Notre Dame against South Florida had a higher rating. McFadden was selected Clemson's co-offensive player of the week.

"It was fun," McFadden said. "I didn't really feel like I was doing anything particularly different. I just feel like this year I am so much more confident in myself and my abilities. I feel like the coaching staff has a lot of confidence in me. Just knowing that gives me a boost."

He brought plenty of confidence into the season opener against Wake Forest, a 37-13 win, and that only increased after his solid performance.

"It definitely did," McFadden said. "Wake Forest is a good team with a really good defense. They brought back a lot of players."

McFadden, a third-year player who took a redshirt season as a freshman, is part of a revamped offensive line for the Tigers. There are four new starters, and he is replacing right tackle Tremayne Anchrum Jr., who was drafted into the NFL by the Los Angeles Rams. Last year's group, including McFadden as a backup, allowed the fourth-fewest sacks among Power Five conference teams.

"I think we have the ability to do a really good job in that area again," McFadden said. "Tremayne was a really good tackle at Clemson. It's definitely going to be a challenge trying to step up and take that role. But I think I have the ability to be fine."

Clemson offensive coordinator Tony Elliott thinks so as well.

"The thing that you like about McFadden is that he doesn't get out of position," Elliott said. "He had great technique and he's powerful enough to move guys in the run game. … He's very technical when you watch him. It seems like he's always in the right position. He has good hand-placement. And he's probably one of the most powerful guys that we've had around here in a while."

While questions about the offensive linemen – all except returning starter Jackson Carman at left tackle – were swirling with the winds of change during a spring practice season cut short by coronavirus concerns, McFadden remained as calm as a glassy sea.

"I felt as if we had the potential to be very special," he said. "But I realized in the spring and the beginning of fall camp that we had the potential to be something really, really special."

McFadden is certainly close enough to home to come back and spend a couple of rare off days with his family in Spartanburg and he was allowed to do just that. But he chose instead to stay with his Clemson family, in particular the offensive linemen, and remain in the so-called protective bubble.

He did mask up and go to a local high school game Friday night with Carman and freshmen Mitchell Mayes and Walker Parks. On Saturday, the latter two came to McFadden's place to watch college games all day.

They took special interest in Virginia, of course.

"Really good defense," McFadden said. "They play hard. They have a bunch of tough guys. They are bringing back a lot of experience."

But it was South Carolina's game against Tennessee that had McFadden rooting for the rival Gamecocks – well, at least their quarterback. Collin Hill, transfer from Colorado State and former Dorman standout, was the new starter. Hill has shown incredible determination through devastating knee injuries.

"I'm excited for him with everything he's been through, tearing his ACL three times," McFadden said. "Collin is a great guy. I remember when he was a senior (at Dorman) and I was a sophomore. That was my first year starting on varsity. Collin was just pushing me to continue to get better, continue to learn, continue to grow and get stronger.

"I think he is the perfect example of a leader. He wants his guys to be the best they can be. He tries to push everyone. I knew he was that way at Colorado State, he was that way in high school and I'm pretty sure he is that way at South Carolina."

McFadden is showing the same characteristics at Clemson.

-- NO. 88 TE BRADEN GALLOWAY --

Bet On Yourself: Braden Galloway 2020 mission tattooed on his arm

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CLEMSON – Braden Galloway has had to do a lot of growing up over the last two years, and one of the most valuable lessons he's learned is that when you're down to your final bet, you bet on yourself.

Galloway was suspended for the College Football Playoff in 2018 and the first 13 games of last season after testing positive for ostarine, a banned substance. Galloway told the media in December that he still knows he's innocent and doesn't have an idea how the trace amount ended up in his system.

What he does know is that it cost him his sophomore season, and now he's working hard to make everybody pay.

"I am very confident in my speed and my abilities and I trust in the coaches and their playmaking decisions to put everybody in the right positions to make plays," Galloway said after Monday's practice. "I want to be more physical at the point of attack, that is maybe the biggest thing. Working on hand placement. Footwork is really big. I am moving around a lot of different positions. I am in the backfield and I am being split out and I am working on my motions and being faster with that. There is something to work on every day. You only get 15 practices in the spring, so you have to use time outside of football to get better at things."

Galloway played 65 snaps across the final two games of the season, catching two passes for 60 yards. He made his season debut against No. 2 Ohio State, playing 33 snaps in Clemson's 16-point comeback win in the Fiesta Bowl. He then caught two passes for 60 yards, including a career-long 42 yarder, in the National Championship Game against LSU.

He wasn't sure how he would respond once he was allowed to play.

"I had been gone for a bit, and being in game shape is different than being in practice shape running half-gassers after practice," Galloway said. "That is two completely different things. Especially in the playoff. I feel like I gained that confidence back in the Ohio State game and leading into the LSU game."

With his confidence returned, Galloway had a tattoo done on his left arm that shows a pair of dice, a hand of cards and a bankroll. At the top of the tattoo are the words "Bet On Yourself."

"A lot of my tattoos, they don't have meaning. But this one, going through last year, there was a lot of doubt

whether whenever I came back what kind of player I was going to be," Galloway said. "I am just focusing on just being the best player I can be and not worrying about all the outside noise. But put all the cards in on yourself and don't listen to the outside stuff and keep working and everything will take care of itself."

Galloway has also been playing in the 5-man receiver spot usually manned by Amari Rodgers, and he said he feels like he is a matchup nightmare as a receiver.

"As physical as you can be (is the kind of receiver he is). I feel like I am too fast for a linebacker and I feel like corners are too small for me," Galloway said. "That is just how I feel about myself. I am confident in my abilities to go out there and make plays at receiver and tight end."

Former Clemson tight end Jordan Leggett has been a big help.

"I am really close with Jordan, and I am just trying to be the best version of myself," Galloway said. "There are a lot of comparisons between me and him, maybe because of our body types, but I am just trying to go out there and be the best player I can be in practice and be the best player I can for this team."

-- NO. 98 DE MYLES MURPHY --

'You know it when you see it': The freshmen recharging Clemson's defensive line

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CLEMSON, S.C. — Believe it or not, there was a time when Clemson freshman defensive end Myles Murphy hated football. He wasn't physical, loathed the contact part of the sport and wasn't sure he'd play in high school. But a talk with his father around his freshman year, combined with a growth spurt, shifted Murphy's thinking. He discovered that the more plays he made, the more he enjoyed it.

If that's still the case four years later, then Murphy's love for football is in good standing. The Tigers' true freshman, now 6-5 and 275 pounds, is only two games into his college career but making plays everywhere. Along with freshman defensive tackle Bryan Bresee, Clemson's defensive line has been reinfused with star talent.

In Week 1 against Wake Forest, Murphy produced a team-high seven tackles (three for loss) with two sacks, as a backup at that. He was a nightmare for blockers, impressing defensive coordinator Brent Venables with his ability to disengage and make plays from behind thanks to a combination of speed, footwork and hand placement. Then against The Citadel on Saturday, Murphy followed it up with two more tackles for loss and a forced fumble that led to the first touchdown of linebacker James Skalski's career.

"Myles, coach (Dabo) Swinney likes to say, is one of those guys that you just add water to, with the length, the size, the speed," Venables said. "It's not very often that it happens. But you know it when you see it."

The same goes for Bresee. He was the No. 1 overall recruit in the nation, per the 247Sports Composite, for the Class of 2020 and is living up to the hype attached to his name. Together, the duo is quite possibly the most talented rookie tandem in the country.

Murphy came to Clemson as the No. 7 overall player and the No. 1 strongside defensive end in the country. His high school coach, Phil Ironside at Hillgrove in Marietta, Ga., vowed in December that if Murphy could get on the field, he'd have a chance to show his promise of being a future NFL Draft pick.

Some of Murphy's opportunities have come as a byproduct of Clemson being without both of its projected starters in the first two weeks. Junior Xavier Thomas continues to work his way back from battling COVID-19 and strep throat in the spring, and senior Justin Foster was in "protocol" this week. But Murphy was already set to work his way onto the two-deep even before the room's depth took a hit. It helps that he has impressed coaches with how quickly he's picking up Venables' system.

"I've been watching (Myles Garrett) ever since his pretty much freshman year of college at Texas A&M. And then (Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle) Aaron Donald, ever since he's blown up, because Aaron Donald's work ethic is out of this world," Murphy said of his influences.

"With Myles Garrett's frame, we have similar frames, similar playing styles. I've just kind of looked up to both of them and I watch their games all the time."

Murphy said he is still learning how to rush the passer and play the run at a high level, although Venables — who doesn't dish out praise freely — doesn't see many early flaws.

"He's still a pretty hot stock," he said. "I'd buy all day, even at a higher price with him, because I think there's tremendous, tremendous growth that's still to come with Myles."

Bresee's college debut against Wake Forest featured three tackles and a partial sack, in which he dominated the Demon Deacons' left guard to get to the quarterback with linebacker Baylon Spector. He also recorded Clemson's first blocked field goal since 2018, and joined Murphy to become the first Clemson true freshman tandem to record a sack in a season opener since former Tigers Dexter Lawrence and Tre Lamar did it in 2016. Against The Citadel, Bresee had two sacks and a pass breakup. He made the first start of his career after sophomore tackle Tyler Davis, who is dealing with an MCL sprain, was ruled unavailable.

Bresee getting the start over redshirt graduate Nyles Pinckney, who started 13 games last season and has been at Clemson since 2016, shows just what coaches think of him already.

"He's just a special physical talent," Swinney said. "I mean, you're just not going to see many young defensive tackles that can move like him, have good size, have his natural strength, have his athleticism, the violence, all those things that he brings to the position."

Bresee, who hails from Damascus, Md., and had his pick of any school, first learned about Clemson when he was younger and interested in highlight videos of William "Refrigerator" Perry.

He was impressed that somebody like the former Clemson lineman, who even scored a rushing touchdown in Super Bowl 20 with the Chicago Bears, could move that well.

Like Murphy, Bresee also started to pay more attention to Clemson when the historic defensive line of 2018 came through. That group, consisting of Lawrence, defensive tackle Christian Wilkins, defensive end Clelin Ferrell and defensive end Austin Bryant, is the standard at Clemson as the most dominant line in program history. He was also impressed by former Clemson linebacker Isaiah Simmons, whose No. 11 jersey Bresee specifically asked for.

But unlike Murphy, Bresee has always loved contact. And competition. He shared a story last week about a family reunion from a few years ago that included his older sister, Kendall, who plays college basketball at Mount Saint Mary's University, taking a charge on the pavement in a backyard family basketball game.

"At that point, I'm still about 6-5, 260 pounds," he said. "I just ran her clean over and it was just like, 'That's not a normal thing from a family to do.' You're playing outside and playing just backyard basketball and your sister decides to take a charge with no refs there. Just things like that, I've always grown up with."

That Clemson was able to land not one, but both of these freshmen in the same class speaks to the national brand the Tigers are building on the recruiting trail. Venables said the duo is as game-ready as Lawrence was when he showed up in 2016, and Lawrence was ultimately a first-round 2019 NFL Draft pick to the New York Giants. As Venables pointed out, being this advanced on the defensive line, which doesn't allow a player to recover while the ball is in the air if he makes a mistake, like a player in the secondary might be able to do, is particularly impressive.

Bresee said he has also taken reps at defensive end, which is similar to the role Wilkins played for Clemson. He might even have some Fridge-like offensive responsibilities, too.

"You'll have to wait and see," Bresee said, asked whether he'd been repping in the Tigers' jumbo package.

Swinney knows what he has is rare.

The freshmen allow the Tigers to go back to a traditional four-man front and create formidable depth on a defensive line that lacked this type of star power in 2019.

"Every now and then you get a Bryan Bresee, a Myles Murphy, who is physically and mentally ready. Most freshmen coming in, they typically have to develop either mentally and adjust to the schemes, the speed of the game, whatever, or they have to adjust physically. They're lacking something," Swinney said.

"It's atypical that you have a guy like Bryan and Myles that are just kind of advanced — especially in the trenches."

How Clemson's top freshmen defensive linemen are following footsteps of past stars

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In the first collegiate game of their careers against Wake Forest, Clemson true freshmen defensive linemen Bryan Bresee and Myles Murphy were admittedly nervous.

Excited, but nervous. They weren't five-star high school prospects who could overpower their opponents with pure strength anymore. They were playing for Clemson, a school that only two years ago produced three first-round draft picks from the front four. A perennial championship contender.

They were part of a recruiting class that featured five ESPN 300 defensive linemen, but Bresee, ranked No. 3 overall, and Murphy, ranked 13th, were expected to become stars who followed in the footsteps of national champions and future first-round picks Clelin Ferrell, Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence.

So it was only fitting that when Bresee entered his first series in his first collegiate game, with no fans in the stands but all eyes on him glued to the TV screens at home, he jumped offside.

"He's like a big puppy dog, a big Labrador, you let him outside for the first time, bring him home for the first time and he's wetting all over the place," Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables said after Clemson's first game.

Venables can laugh about it now, because after that

first penalty, Bresee's butterflies were gone. A few plays later he recorded his first half sack. Then his first sack. Then his first blocked field goal. All while Murphy led the team in tackles (seven) and had two sacks of his own.

Entering Saturday's game against No. 7 Miami (7:30 ET, ABC), Bresee and Murphy have moved from co-starters to starters thanks, in part, coach Dabo Swinney said, to how prepared they were for the transition to the college game.

"Most freshmen coming in," Swinney said in September, "they typically have to develop either mentally and adjust to the schemes, the speed of the game, whatever, or they have to adjust physically, they're lacking somewhere. ... It's atypical that you have a guy like Bryan and Myles that are just kind of advanced for, especially in the trenches."

Natural ability and strength can only get players so far, though. It's easy for a five-star recruit, who has heard nothing but praise about how dominant he is, to come in and expect the same results without putting in the extra work.

That was never the mindset for Bresee or Murphy. Both knew that to play early and be great at Clemson, they would need to take extra time to study film, practice fundamentals and rely on older players for guidance.

Sophomore defensive tackle Tyler Davis spent time with Bresee watching film and studying practice, technique and plays. Jordan Williams and K.J. Henry, a former five-star himself, have seen how inquisitive the two young players are and have noticed their eagerness to learn.

"I roomed with Bryan [before the first game of the season] and I don't think I got asked [more] questions in a hotel room than I ever have by anybody," Henry said. "When we put our suit on, when we're going to eat, can you wake me up when we go to the meetings? It was little things, it had me laughing for real."

Both Bresee and Murphy graduated high school early and enrolled at Clemson in January to try to get a head start. Despite their high prospect rankings, they knew they weren't guaranteed playing time, especially if a sophomore or junior were ahead of them on the depth chart.

Murphy had been a three-sport athlete -- football, basketball and baseball -- early in high school but focused to solely football after his sophomore year when he realized he had a brighter future there.

"He took that time to start working on speed and agility in the offseason after football," Myles' father, Willard, said. "From 10th to 11th grade he went from running a 4.85 to a 4.6 40. Being 6-foot-5, 260 pounds, running a 4.6 40 was pretty impressive as a junior in high school."

Murphy connected with former NFL defensive end Chuck Smith to work on his pass-rushing, all while Murphy trained faster and stronger. He was the epitome of what a five-star defensive end would look like. So is Bresee, listed at 6-5, 300 pounds.

Right before spring camp, Bresee tweaked his knee going in for a dunk in a pickup basketball game that caused him to miss three days of spring ball. Three days doesn't sound like a lot of time, but for a first-year player trying to learn Venables' defense and soak in every bit of information he can, it seemed like a lifetime for Bresee. Even when schools across the country shut down amid the coronavirus pandemic, Bresee found a way to keep growing.

"He came home and the guy who had been training Bryan forever, he was still training and let Bryan come to his gym," his father, Richie, said. "Bryan came home and grinded, got stronger, continued to work out and do everything he was supposed to do so when he got back, we felt pretty confident he was in a pretty good position to compete at least at the 2 spot. That's all we really cared about: If you put yourself in a position to work with the 2s in Coach Venables defense, you're going to get on the field."

Murphy did much of the same, according to Willard: running hills in the neighborhood with a weighted vest, studying the playbook and running through drills at a local high school football field.

Venables commended Murphy's high school coaches for how well they prepared him. Murphy's discipline, focus and fundamentals established a foundation that has allowed him to not only see the field early, but excel and grow quickly.

"He's got plenty of things he's learning, and he has tremendous growth potential. Still, he's not anywhere close to where we feel like he can be and believe he will be because he's got great work ethic," Venables said in September. "He lets you coach him, he doesn't get satisfied easily, he's hard on himself, he demands a lot, he understands the standard and he wants to meet that standard. So he understands the toughness it takes and the commitment it takes to get there."

Murphy and Bresee would see each other at similar camps, along with DeMonte Capehart, Tre Williams and Kevin Swint, the other defensive line commits in the class. They all developed a relationship through high school events and group text messages and started to build a bond.

A recruiting class with five ESPN 300 defensive linemen is rare, even if it is for the No. 1 team in the country that landed the No. 1-ranked recruiting class in 2020.

But to find players such as Bresee and Murphy who have even the older players on the roster taking a step back to watch is even more unique.

"The closest comparisons, I wasn't even here when Christian [Wilkins] was a freshman, but I remember watching on TV thinking to myself, 'How is that guy a freshman?' when I was a senior," senior linebacker James Skalski said. "It's the same way, you wish you had then when you were that age, just being that physically developed and talented and you don't even realize it, either. You're just out there, they're still figuring it out.

"They still haven't even reached the level they can and they know that, too, but it's like I said, it's very, very exciting."